Tokyo Offers

As Stimulus

But Socialists Reject \$55 Billion Package, Threatening Coalition

For Recovery

The Assistated Press TOKYO — Prime Minister Morthiro Ho-sokawa early Thursday announced a plan to cut 6 trillion yen (\$55 billion) in income and resi-

dence taxes in an effort to get recession-strapped Japanese consumers back into the

However, the cut is to be offset by an increase

in sales tax from 3 percent to 7 percent beginning in April 1997.

The Social Democratic Party, the largest but

shakiest in Mr. Hosokawa's seven-party coali-tion, denounced the plan. They and other coali-

tion legislators argued that the plan would have less of a chance of restarting the economy if consumers knew they would have to pay tax in

As a result, six Socialist cabinet members

The internal dissension left Mr. Hosokawa

with a second hig headache a week before he was to meet President Bill Clinton in Washing-

ton. A wide-ranging trade agreement is sup-

posed to be ready by the Feb. 11 meeting, but

U.S. and Japanese negotiators apparently made no progress in trade talks Wednesday.

The tax cut, announced by Mr. Hosokawa at a 1:00 A.M. press conference, meets one U.S. demand. Washington had called for a large tax

cut, believing consumers would use some of their extra cash to buy foreign goods and help reduce Japan's annual \$50 billion surplus in

Mr. Hosokawa said Socialist leaders told him

The prime minister attempted to smooth

over the tax increase by saying that the current national "consumption tax" of 3 percent would be replaced in April 1997 with a 7 percent would be replaced in April 1997 with a 7 percent

people's welfare tax." But he conceded that

the new tax, like the old one, would go into the

general treasury and would not legally have to

at a midnight meeting that they "cannot agree"

trade with the United States.

with the sales tax increase.

be used for welfare costs.

might resign, the Japan Broadcasting Corp. The powerful Finance Ministry had insisted on a shift in the tax burden, rather than an

another form.

outright tax cut.

Grisly Justice From Ad Hoc Courts in an Indian State

By John Ward Anderson Washington Post Service

CHATRA, India - There was no judge in CHATRA, India — There was no judge m black robes, no defense attorneys, no rules of evidence and no right to appeal. Budhua and Puthua, poor farm laborers in their early 20s, were dragged to a small forest a month ago and judged guilty of robbery by a group of their peers. Justice was as swift as the ax that sliced off their left bands.

off their left hands. There were five of us, and they killed the other three in front of me by cutting their heads off with a knife," said Puthua, who admitted that he and his friends had robbed passing vehicles of 50,000 rupees (about \$1,700) earlier

Instead of turning the bandits over to the police, local residents, egged on by members of a violent Communist farmers' group, took mat-ters into their own hands and impaneled a "people's court"—a kangaroo court in which villagers dispense instant justice. In recent months, these courts have beened in popularity and the punishments have become particularly gruesome, with criminal suspects occa-sionally having noses and ears chopped off. A police informer was recently killed and nailed

The people's courts are just one example of the collapse of government in this region of Bihar, one of India's most corrupt, impoverished and backward states. Angered by government corruption and a feudal land system that has kept millions of families in slavery for generations, people are rebelling against politicians, the police and large landowners and seizing power for themselves.

India is struggling to douse these diverse fires. The writer V. S. Naipaul calls them the "million mutinies." This explains why some analysts said that India's national unity and even its existence were threatened. The breakup of the Soviet Union is often cited as an extreme example of what could happen to India.

The rebellion a conflict between landowners from upper castes and laborers from lowerest. is one of many across India. Separatist battles in Kashmir and Hindu-Muslim riots in Bombay usually have religious, caste or ethnic con-

The plight of Bihar is acute. Because of poor roads, government services cannot reach huge areas of the state, leaving minds, towns at the ment is present, it is often corrupt and mept.

People's courts settle everything from land disputes to lamily squabbles. Landowners employ private armies to protect their families, homes and fields. Gunsmiths make unlicensed weapons to sell to gangs and politicians. Nu-merous members of the state legislature have been identified in the press as gang leaders and murderers. A minister has reportedly been im-

plicated in 36 killings.
"We are trying to bring the people's voice into the open and to fight for justice, honor and the open an their rights," said Vijay Kumar Arya, leader of a front group for the Maoist Communist Center, which organizes the people's courts. "It's not lawlessness. This is a new law. We are setting this up as a solution to a problem, not to

degenerate into anarchy." The Maoists are the most violent of four major groups. Ten other loosely formed groups See BIHAR, Page 4

By Alan Friedman

PARIS - The Clinton administration, say-

ing it wants to re-energize the OECD in order to

promote American foreign policy and improve

international economic cooperation, threw its

weight Wednesday behind the candidacy of a

Canadian politician to take over as the new

secretary-general of the Paris-based economic

The State Department said Wednesday that

The State Department said Wednesday that it "strongly supported" Donald Johnston, president of Canada's governing Liberal Party, for the OECD job. Washington's endorsement came after U.S.-Canadian discussions in Ottawa, and Canada's formal nomination of Mr.

Johnston, it immediately put the United States at loggerheads with the British government of Prime Minister John Major, which is backing

Nigel Lawson, the former chancellor of the

exchequer, to head the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

support for Mr. Johnston, who was praised by

the State Department as an expert on trade and

While the United States made public its

national Herald Tribune

It's a Four-Power Rivalry

Over Next OECD Director



SUFFURIFUR SARAJEVO — Frame rumster ransu ciner of runkey, center, with her Pakistani counterpart, Benazir Bhutto, at the Sarajevo airport Wednesday. They

EU Joins NATO in Cold-Shouldering the East

By Tom Buerkle

nonal Herald Tribune BRUSSELS - The countries of Eastern Europe, denied speedy entry into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization last month, are knocking louder on the door of the European Union for stronger political, security and trade com-mitments, but getting a familiar silence in reply. Officials and diplomats say that the Union lacks the political will to offer much more than

crestatement of good intentions. The Eastern demands were pressed Wednes-Poland, who told the European Parliament that find ways to speed the integration membership for his country would accelerate Europe.

the integration of Europe's Eastern and Western halves and increase the Union's competiness and security.

If Poland remains outside, this could slow integration and could create instability in the countries around the European Union, Mr.

Pawlak told a parliamentary committee here.

The demands, which follow a call by President Bill Clinton for the Union to do more for the East, have put EU leaders on the defensive. Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission, said last week that the Union needed to envisage a "greater Europe," and he told commission officials to review policies to

And Germany's foreign minister, Klaus Kin-kel, said Wednesday in Bonn that the Union should negotiate more association pacts with Eastern nations "as soon as possible." Mr. Kinkel said his government would use its term in the EU presidency in the second half of this

year to work for such agreements. Officials and diplomats say the recession rules out any expansion of EU trade concessions made last year, which in any event do not take full effect until 1995 and exclude three of the East's most vital sectors —agriculture, steel and textiles. And Union members continue to reject setting any date for the start of membership negotiations with the East, given the exist-

the reform of EU institutions to accommodate the Scandinavian countries and Austria.

The countries were given "a concrete commitment" that they would be entitled to join the Union when economic and political conditions, allow it, one EU diplomat said of the formula adopted by Union leaders at their summit meeting in Copenhagen in June. "I don't see how we can add to this.

For Poland and Hungary, which this week became the first Eastern countries to enter into association agreements with the Union involving trade concessions and closer political ues. the top priority is winning a more-definitive

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The tax cut is to be part of an economic stimulus package that the government is scheduled to announce later Thursday. Officials have suggested the package will be

trillion and 16 trillion yen altogether. The tax cut and offsetting increase, as well as the other economic measures, will be submitted as a supplementary budget to parliament. Mr. Hosokawa would need support from the main opposition Liberal Democrats to pass the budget if the Socialists oppose it.

But first he must successfully conclude his summit meeting with Mr. Clinton — a task that is appearing ever more difficult.

The United States wants Japan to boost imports of cars and auto parts and to make it easier for foreign companies to compete for insurance business and on government purchases of medical and telecommunications equipment

Islamic Militants Warn Foreigners to Leave Egypt

By Chris Hedges New York Times Service

CAIRO — A radical Islamic group, responsible for numerous assassinations and linked to the bombing of the World Trade Center in New York, told foreigners on Wednesday to leave Egypt for their own safety.

"We implore tourists and investors to leave the country," the Islamic Group said, "because the next operations will be

extremely ferocious and strong. The statement, which followed a police raid in Cairo that killed seven members of the group, was the third warning to

mally apolitical job had turned into a horse

Germany said it would nominate Lorenz

Schomerus, a senior economics ministry official

and Bonn's representative to the General

Agreement on Taniffs and Trade, to head the OECD.

"certainly support" a third five-year term for

Jean-Claude Paye, a former Foreign Ministry official who has led the OECD for the last 10

years. And Mr. Paye, 59, whose term expires

next September, said Wednesday that he

It was, however, the candidacy of Lord Law-

son that most took Washington by surprise. The United States, according to a State Department official; favors Mr. Johnston to succeed Mr. Paye because the world is facing "a whole

slew of new international trade, financial and

social issues that require political level leader-

trade cooperation in the wake of the recently

concluded GATT agreement, assisting Russia

in its economic reform, and integrating newly

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The official said these included furthering

The French Foreign Ministry said it would

occasions after the first threat in March. Those attacks killed

three foreigners and two Egypuans and wounded 30 tourists. Four foreigners, including two Americans, died when a gunman opened fire in October in a luxury hotel.

At lease 290 people have been killed and 670 wounded since

the militants, fighting to establish a strict Islamic state, began Radical Islamic groups have singled out policemen, government officials, intellectuals, Copic Christians and tourists.

foreigners to leave the country. Western diplomats said they took the threat seriously.

Islamic militants attacked foreign tourists on at least five largest hard-currency earners.

tween policemen and militants on Tuesday night in Cairo as a massacre. The group said Egyptian security officials had been given orders to kill any suspected militants. Interior Minister Hassan Alfi said Wednesday that security

troops would step up efforts to storm militant hideouts in an effort to "crush terrorism."

In the southern city of Asyut, a state security policeman was

killed by two militants, apparently in retaliation for the raid.

Kiosk

Russia Seeking To Keep 5 Bases

Russia wants to keep five army bases and station about 23,000 troops outside its bor-ders in the Caucasus Mountains region. Russia's defense minister said Wednesday in

Thilisi, Georgia.
The minister. General Pavel S. Grachev, arrived in Thilisi for talks with Georgian leases on leaders about extending Russian leases on military bases in the former Soviet republic, which expire in 1995. He said Russia would like to keep three bases in Georgia, one in Armenia and one in Azerbaijan. (Page 2)

U.K. officials sought to limit the propaganda effect of an IRA leader's U.S. visit. Page 2. Health/Science

If you're worrying about the risks in life. you're probably worrying about the wrong things.

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William Perry, nominee to be secretary of defense, warning Wednesday of a "nightmare scenario" in Korea. Page 3.

Vietnam, Open for Trade? Clinton Ruling on Embargo Imminent

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton is on the brink of eliminating the 19-year-old economic embargo on Vietnam, administration officials said Wednesday, although Mr. Clinton insisted he had not made a final decision.

"I'll have a decision in the next couple of days," Mr. Clinton said before a meeting with Republican and Democratic congressional leaders. "We are reviewing it."
Administration officials, speaking on condi-

tion of anonymity, said the president was pre-pared to lift the embargo. They said he had been spurred on by top advisers, senators and U.S. business interests, and by progress on the issue of 2,200 U.S. servicemen missing from the Vietnam War.

A memorandum on its way to the president embraces a "consensus recommendation" that the embargo end, an official said Tuesday night. One official said Mr. Clinton was prepared to "check the right box" in favor of resuming normal economic relations. Officials said Mr. Clinton had been leaning

for weeks in the direction of ending the embargo as the best way to speed the search for missing servicemen. Last Thursday the Senate voted, 62 to 38, to

urge Mr. Clinton to put an end to the embargo. A spokesman for the Vietnamese Foreign Ministry said the government had no immediate comment, but American businessmen in Hanoi expressed relief (Page 9) Washington imposed an embargo against North Vietnam in 1964. It extended the embar-

go to cover the entire country after South Vietnam fell to North Vietnam in 1975. In September, Mr. Clinton relaxed the em-

bargo by allowing American companies to compete there for development projects financed by international lending institutions. American businesses had urged him to do this. complaining that competitors in other nations were getting the jump on them.

Full normalization of trade has been on the

Clinton White House's agenda since December. when Winston Lord, assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, returned from Hanoi to report the Communist government was cooperating in the search for missing American servicemen. But their families "don't think the coopera-

tion has been wonderful." Ann Mills Griffiths of the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia,

a political heavyweight, diplomats and OECD officials in Paris said competition for the nor-Down 0.06% 119.26 11.53 3,975.54 The Dollar 1.731 1,501 1.4956

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Washington Post Service WASHINGTON - Representative Martin R. Hoke shivered in the mud behind the Capitol, bouncing from toe to toe in a bone-piercing chill as he stood without a topcoat in front of a television camera and told all Cleveland what a complete jerk he had been.

The freshman Republican from Ohio had the pale, edgy look of a politician trying to save himself.

"It was an extremely dumb, sophomoric thing to say." Mr. Hoke told a television reporter from the CBS affiliate in

He was describing his remark about a woman television producer's anatomy - "She has the beeg breasts" - that was caught on videotape after the State of the Union Address last week and became a crisis for Mr. Hoke on

Tuesday after it was reported in The Washington Post Mr. Hoke, 41, allowed a reporter to follow him through part of his day as he tried with limited success to quell the

wrath of his constituents in the district that includes part of Cleveland and its suburbs, maximize his mea culpas and somehow spin his galle into something less toxic — all while undergoing the merciless paddling in the press reserved for a public official who screws up big-time.

"I feel terrible for the embarrassment and unhappiness I caused her, he confessed to the Cleveland's NBC affiliate, whose camera was set up some 50 yards from CBS.

Mr. Hoke's unpleasant journey from camera to camera amounted to the political equivalent of the Stations of the Cross. His punishment even had a painful physical dimension: Mr. Hoke was freezing and wanted his overcoat, but his assistant. Ed Cassidy, would not let him wear it.

"In truth, I've had rougher days," he said, "What's hard for me is that you do so much real work with so little attention paid to it, and then you make a gaffe and stick a foot in your mouth and everybody knows about it. Earlier in the day, in his office, Mr. Hoke had talked of

For Congressman's Transgression, Penalty Is Torture by Television ing the woman who was the subject of the remark to apologize and then calling his three children back home to warn them of what was coming. (Mr. Hoke is divorced.) "Well, Dad, that was a really dumb thing to say," his 15year-old daughter. Elizabeth, told him — perhaps the most charitable comment made about the incident.

More typical was the press release issued by the local chapter of the National Women's Political Caucus in Cleveland. "The last thing women on Capitol Hill need is another Senator Bob Packwood-in-training," the statement said, referring to the Oregon Republican who has been accused of making unwanted sexual advances toward women.

Mr. Hoke's only hope, it seemed, was that the Cleveland area was already reacting Tuesday to some other big news: an alleged murderer, suspected of stalking and killing his wife, who turned himself in after a long manhunt, and a prison inmate who broke out in style. using a stretch

"Oh good." Mr. Hoke said brightly, when told of the stiff

"Hey." he added hopefully, invoking a Cleveland landmark, "maybe somebody will call in a bomb threat to the BP

At which remark Mr. Cassidy gave a tiny, half-swallowed

cry accompanied by a full-body cringe. Alas, Mr. Hoke had about as bad a night on Cleveland television as it is possible to have. The NBC and ABC stations led their newscasts with the episode, and the CBS station ran a two-minute package near the beginning of the newscast filled with the comments of outraged women-in-

the-street. Mr. Hoke said he was "not whining" about his predicament and was ready to accept as much abuse as necessary in order to live to fight another day. "I said it and I am responsible for it." he reflected. "I am being held up to the mirror of my own imperfections."

By James F. Clarity

New York Times Service

DUBLIN — The chief British official for Northern Ireland sought Wednesday to discredit the assertion by Gerry Adams, the political leader of the Irish Republican Army, that he could not endorse the Irish-British peace framework until its provisions are clari-

fied by the British government. Mr. Adams, on a 48-hour visit to New York widely seen in Ireland and in Britain as a propaganda coup for the IRA and its political wing, Sinn Fein, said he could not yet accept the peace plan, which would give him a place at formal peace negotiations in return for a convincing cessation of violence by the IRA.

He said he needed clarifications of the plan and other steps he wants London to announce before he tries to persuade the IRA to lay down its arms in the guerrilla war that has killed 3,114 people since 1969. [Peace depends on how soon Britain is willing to "cooperate." Mr. Adams said in New York, The Associated Press reported Wednesday.

[Mr. Adams also offered to debate Prime Minister John Major on the main issues.

["What on earth is the British government doing in my country?" Mr. Adams asked Wednesday on CNN.
"Can it not give the Irish people the right to govern

Few in Russia Polls

Write Off Reforms

Strong Public Opposition

To Zhirinovsky Also Noted

By Margaret Shapiro Washington Post Service
MOSCOW — Political opinion

polls released in the last week suggest that despite the anti-reform backlash of last month's parlia-

mentary election few people here expect Russia to reverse course and

many are strongly opposed to the ultranationalist Vladimir V. Zhir-

Polls in Russia have been less

than accurate; they were notorious-

ly wrong in the recent parliamenta-

ry elections, dramatically underes-

timating the strength of the

But these latest surveys at least

indicate that it is too soon to sug-gest as some in the West have done

that Russians are ready to abandon

the free-market economic policies

and pro-Western diplomacy that

have characterized the last two

The only significant reformist

holdover in the government also

said Wednesday that it was too

soon to write off the reforms or

conclude that the newly structured

cabinet, in which former Soviet bu-

reaucrats now predominate, was

B. Chubais, who heads the privati-

zation effort, said that the depar-

Gaidar, architect of Russia's trans-

formation, and Boris G. Fyodorov,

the free-market advocate and for-

mer finance minister, had been a

But Mr. Chubais said that Prime

Minister Viktor S. Chernomyrdin

may end up sticking with many of

the reformist policies, including come to power.

Deputy Prime Minister Anatoli

going to reverse course.

tight monetary control to reduce

"The government's reform poli-cy has come under threat," Mr. Chubais said. "But at the same time

made about the 1994 budget that

would show whether the reform

course will continue or be watered down or reversed. Until then, he

said, "it is wrong to try and make a

final assessment about the govern-

conducted by the Mnenie polling firm last week found that little

agreement about whether Mr. Gai-

dar's resignation would make things better or worse. But nearly

50 percent thought it was possible to have his policies continue even if

Meanwhile, a survey by the Cen-

ter for Public Opinion and Market

Research gave Mr. Zhirinovsky the

highest negative rating among 13

About 63 percent said they did

not trust Mr. Zhirinovsky, whose

neofascist party scored surprising

victories in the parliamentary elec-

tions and whose open threats

against neighboring countries have

caused extreme alarm in the West.

The center surveyed 1,600 people

in cities and urban areas across

Mr. Yeltsin, by contrast, had a

"trust" rating of about 44 percent.

with 40 percent saying they do not

In the Moscow poll by Mnenie,

about 50 percent of respondents said they feared that a war would

result if Mr. Zhirinovsky were to

he was not in the cabinet.

leading politicians.

Russia

trust him

A survey of 1,000 Muscovites

ment's course."

it is so far a potential threat." In the next week or two, Mr. Chubais said, decisions would be

Russia's high inflation.

the peace framework, known here as the Downing Street Declaration.

On a visit to the northern British province, the Northern Ireland Secretary, Sir Patrick Mayhew, dismissed Mr. Adams's New York statements as cynical deceptions and said, "He's never asked for the clarifi-cation of any specific matter whatsoever in the

In recent weeks, Mr. Adams has also refused to explain to Irish officials and journalists what exactly he wants clarified. Mr. Mayhew has said Mr. Adams's demands amount to renegotiation, not clarification.

Sir Patrick said that Mr. Adams had "whitewashed" IRA violence in his appearances in New York. "I have great confidence in Americans," he added. "They inderstand very well that in a democracy you cannot bring a bomb to advance your political aims. Americans don't approve that any more than we do. It's

Mr. Mayhew, whose government strongly opposed Mr. Clinton's decision to allow Mr. Adams a visa to visit New York, noted that while Mr. Adams was in New York on Tuesday presenting Sinn Fein as favor-ing peace, the IRA had attacked a British Army base the north with a mortar round that missed.

Both the British and Irish governments welcomed President Bill Clinton's call for Mr. Adams to endorse "A child could have been injured," he said.

In London, Prime Minister John Major's office said his movement was firing mortars in Northern Ireland." The statement added that Mr. Adams's "smokescreen of evasions and falschoods has not deceived which ones.

Mr. Adams also insists that the Protestant majority that "while he was telling Americans he favors peace,

In Dublin, Prime Minister Albert Reynolds, who has been seeking to clarify the declaration in public and in private statements to Mr. Adams, appeared to express mild impatience when asked about the Adams

trip to New York.

"If it helps toward moving the process of peace along it will have been worthwhile." he said. "I have spent some time now in giving out an abundance of clarifications. The time is coming when I expect to get some clarifications in reverse. I want to see the debate linished, but I don't believe in deadlines."

Mr. Reynolds and other officials say that in the declaration Britain has made "historic" and "unprecedented" concessions, agreeing that it would facilitate and encourage any settlement reached on the status of the North between its Protestant majority and the Catholic minority. The document also refers to the issue as "self-determination" which has been a key phrase used for decades by the IRA, which hard-line IRA wants a united Ireland free of any British control. the declaration.

In his demands for clarification, Mr. Adams ha repeatedly declined to say what he wants clarified. He has added that he thinks Mr. Major, in commenting on the declaration the day it was issued, Dec. 15, contra-

must not have a veto on a united Ireland, which it would have in a referendum. But he has also added that Sinn Fein understands Protestant fears and would not advocate coercion into an Ireland joining the North with the Irish Republic.

He says Sinn Fein favors "agreement" between the two sides, but has trouble persuading officials that there is not a conflict between advocating a democratic settlement by agreement but denying the Protes-tants the veto they would have in a democratic referen-dum. He also wants the British to become active "persuaders" to convince Protestants that they should favor a united Ireland.

Many Protestant leaders feel that by signing the peace declaration, London has already become a persuader. Many officials, diplomats and analysts say that Mr. Adams may be using the issue to delay a decision because he is having difficulty convincing hard-line IRA commanders that they should accept

Bosnia Serb Defends Call-Up

By John Pomfret

Washington Post Service
PALE, Bosnia — The defense minister of the self-proclaimed Serbian Republic of Bosnia said Wednesday that Bosnian Serbian authorities, aided by the Serbian police were rounding up male refu-gees in Serbia and bringing them back to Bosnia-Herzegovina in

preparation for war.
The official, Dusan Kovacevic said the conscription was part of a general mobilization, announced Monday.

His comments, in an interview, highlighted the deteriorating security situation in Bosnia where all three sides - Muslim, Croat and Serb - have made it clear they are girding for more, and possibly more extensive, war.

The hightening tension was un-derscored Wednesday night in Sa-rajevo, the capital, when the city was rocked by its heaviest fighting in weeks.

General Kovacevic, a colonel i the former Yugoslav Army and now a major general in the Bosnian Serbian paramilitary structure, repeated threats that if United Nations relief planes landed at the Tuzia airport, Serb guns in range of the airport would will open fire.
"We will do everything in our
power to make sure the airport

does not open," he said. General Kovacevic asserted that the mostly Muslim government wanted to use the airport to sneak

weapons into the region. He confirmed claims made last month by the government military commander, Rasim Delic, that Muslim forces had overrun several villages between the Serbian-controlled city of Zvornik, on the Drina River, and Han Pijesak, a mountain town west of the Drina and the site of what is believed to be a huge bunker system holding Serbian

military supplies.

The defense minister also acknowledged that General Delic had had some success in creating a command structure from the hodgepodge of guerrilla units that made up the Muslim Army until

"They are forming well-organized units and are hoping to create a fighting force of 200,000 men," he said, echoing claims by the Muslim side. "They also have rather welldeveloped military production.

Muslims Consider Boycotting Talks

New York Times Service

SARAJEVO. Bosnia-Herzegovina - The Muslim-led Bosnian goverament is considering breaking off the Geneva peace talks in hopes of forcing the United Nations to find some new way to end the war. Prime Minister Haris Silajdzie said

Wednesday night.
"We've used this medicine for two years, and the medicine obviously did not cure the illness," he said, "Instead, it cost 200,000 lives. We have to start something new."

The next talks are scheduled for

Feb. 10. But the government is searching for some new way out, Mr. Silajdzic said. possibly by throwing the matter back to the Security Council, possibly by offering a mutual recognition agreement to Serbia. "We do not see these Geneva negotiations are going to achieve a result," he said. "We cannot keep going to Geneva forever."

WORLD BRIEFS

Communists Linked to Italy Scandal

MILAN (Reuters) — The Democratic Party of the Left, formerly the Communist Party and core of a leftist alliance for watershed elections, was thrust into the glare of Italy's corruption investigations on Wednes-

day when an industrialist accused it of taking kickbacks.

A former Ferruzzi group managing director, Carlo Sama, testifying at a Milan corruption trial, reaffirmed an earlier accusation that the party had taken a 1 billion lire (\$590,000) bribe in 1989 and gave new details of the

But the Democratic Party of the Left, widely seen as front-runner in the March 27-28 general elections, immediately branded the accusation as a politically motivated slur. The party denies it took bribes from business and in particular from Ferruzzi, whose tangled affairs he at the heart of Italy's largest graft scandal.

Japan May Review Defense Policy

TOKYO (AFP) - Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa is considering the appointment of an advisory panel, made up of former government officials, businessmen and a college professor, to review Japan's defense policy, the Mainichi newspaper reported Wednesday.

The paper said a final decision would be made after the government finished work on its next fiscal budget. A panel could be in place by late February, charged with compiling a report on Japan's defense program by Appunt

by August.

Japan's post-World War II constitution bans the use of force in settling international disputes, and its military is allowed to serve only in a defensive role. Japan sent troops to join United Nations peacekeeping forces in Cambodia in 1992 on the condition that they would not be engaged in combat. missions. Japan also maintains a policy against the production or deployment of nuclear arms.

State Secrets Trial Opens in Moscow

Moscow (WP) — The Russian government, in a case which critics likened to the worst of Soviet-era justice, began prosecuting a scientist on Wetnesday for suggesting that the nation is developing a new generation of chemical average.

Weinesday for suggesting that the handle is developing a superioral weapons.

The scientist, Vil Mirzayanov, 59, a former researcher at a secret Moscow laboratory, went on trial behind closed doors for allegedly revealing state secrets. It was apparently the first such case since the demise of the Soviet Union. The judge in the case rejected Mr. Mirzayanov's contention that the closed trial violates Russia's new constitution, and Mr. Mizzayanov then refused to answer questions, according to his

Mr. Mirzayanov, who could be imprisoned for up to eight years if convicted, made his allegations in comments to the Baltimore San and in a Moscow News article he co-authored in September, 1992. The scientist alleged that Russia tested a new form of binary nerve gas in 1992, after dent Boris N. Yeltsin had agreed to outlaw such tests. The Security Ministry, successor to the KGB, investigated, and Mr. Mirzayanov was charged with violating a law which itself is not public.

U.S. and Russia Set Pacific Exercises TOKYO (Reuters) - The United States and Russia may soon hold joint military maneuvers in the northern Pacific as part of efforts to build

mutual trust, but Japan will not take part, Japanese officials said The U.S.-Russian war games appeared on the agenda of the first two-day meeting of the Trilateral Forum on North Pacific Security, which brought together officials, military officers and researchers from Russia,

Japan and the United States. The forum was designed to provide an exchange of views for possible policy recommendations to the three governments. The next round is to be held in Russia in the fall. A dispute over a group of Russian-held islands claimed by Japan has frozen relations between Moscow and

Statue Stolen From a Rome Church

ROME (Renters) - Thieves stole the Bambinello, a 15th-century, jewel-bedecked, miraculous statue of the Infant Jesus in Rome.

The venerated work of art is in the church of Santa Maria in Aracoeli on the Capitoline Hill. Parents from all over Italy traditionally bring newborn or sick children to it. They ask for a blessing and leave jewels,

which are sold by the Franciscans for the poor.

The police said the thieves broke into the church after it closed Tuesday night while the monks were elsewhere chanting vespers. According to legend, the small wooden statue was carved from an olive tree in the Garden of Gethsemane in Jerusalem. The thieves also took jewels and money in its ornate glass case. In the past, thieves have stolen such objects as well as relics of saints and demanded ransoms.

Another Politician Killed in Algeria

ALGIERS (AFP) — Islamic fundamentalists have killed another Algerian politician, the fourth in six days, the Challenge Party announced

The body of Mohammed Touali, who was employed by a state-run company in the eastern city of Constantine, was discovered after he was kidnapped overnight Tuesday, the party said, without giving further

The slaying came after the killing here of the first foreign journalist, Olivier Quemener, a Frenchman, fueled fears that hard-line Muslim fundamentalist groups had kept their promise to launch a February terror

Correction

A front-page article in of Wednesday's editions on the International Monetary Fund's rejecting criticism of its lending practices for Moscow incorrectly reported Russian inflation data. Inflation in the fourth quarter of 1993 was about 16 percent a month and might have accelerated to 18 percent a month in January.

TRAVEL UPDATE

A 'Drop in Speed' on Lyon Autoroute

LYON (Reuters) - The police in Lyon said Wednesday that they had installed a computerized radar device along the A43 autoroute leading to

Using a remote-controlled video camera called Survidar, officers in a distant office can read a car's license number, record its speed and even take a picture of the driver. The camera, in place since the beginning of last month, has so far enabled authorities to ticket 400 offenders. "We've noticed a real drop in speed," a policeman said.

Dutch experts are designing a streetcar line for Tel Aviv, Israel's first. The projected route of 24 kilometers (15 miles) would carry about 130,000 passengers a day, the Hague transport authority said. The authorities of Amsterdam, The Hague and Rotterdam will design the stations, tracks and trans. They will also manage the line, if Israel approves their design

The estimated cost is about \$460 million. Edinburgh will pay city employees who cycle to work in the hope of reducing pollution and and easing traffic. "Paying 25 pence (35 cents) a mile for travel by bicycle will cut pollution by reducing the number of cars on the road at peak periods — and the exercise will help improve staff health." City car parks will allow for bicycles.

(Reners)

Northwest Airlines will cut services between Australia and the United States. Northwest said the move was an economy measure in an "intensely competitive industry." It means the carrier has all but abandoned the services it fought last year to expand.

(AFP)

by an extremist German party and public salety. month that Mr. Zhirinovsky had A city council member, Manfred accepted an invitation, but a For-Rouhs, said his party would appeal eign Ministry spokesman said he the ban in court. had not applied for a visa.

But Russia's long-term military toric" role in the region but many and economic role in former Soviet others fearful of costly entangle-

tary establishment appears similar-ly ambivalent, with many leaders have seen the overthrow of Geor-

Cologne Police Ban Rally Featuring Zhirinovsky

banned a rally in Cologne planned urday rally canceled as a danger to billed to feature the Russian hardliner Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky, organizers said Wednesday.

The German League, an anti-foreigner fringe party with several called for a Russian-German alli-

By Fred Hiatt

Washington Past Service

to maintain five military bases and

about 23,000 troops in the three

independent nations of the Cauca-

sus. Defense Minister Pavel S. Gra-

General Grachev, touring Geor-

gia in advance of a visit there Thursday by President Boris N. Yeltsin, said Russia would like to

keep three bases in Georgia and

one each in Armenia and Azerbai-

jan, with agreement of the host gov-

ernments. The troops mission

would be to provide regional secu-

rity in the former Soviet territory,

Russian troops inherited the po-

sitions of Soviet forces in much of

Central Asia and the Caucasus and

in many cases have remained at the

request of the host governments.

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he told the Interfax news agency.

chev said Wednesday.

MOSCOW - Russia would like

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It was not immediately clear

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republies has become increasingly

controversial since the strong

showing by extremists in Russian

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Many of Russia's southern

and torn by civil strife, now look to

Moscow for help, but many also

fear the strings that might come

attached to that help. President Bill

Clinton acknowledged Russia's

special interest in the region during his visit to Moscow last month, but

the U.S. administration has also

warned Russia not to interfere in

other states' affairs without their

The Russian political and mili-

approval.

they would resist it.

The German League said last

Bonn barred Mr. Zhirinovsky

That ambivalence was evident

ery major faction in the lower

house of parliament, or Duma, ex-

pressed opposition to a friendship

treaty that Mr. Yeltsin and the

Georgian leader. Eduard A. She-

vardnadze, are expected to sign on

Like many of the 15 former Sovi-

et republics. Georgia declared its

sovereignty after the Soviet Union collapsed in December 1991 and

vowed not to cooperate with Mos-

con even within the framework of

the loose successor alliance, the

Commonwealth of Independent

calling for Russia to play its "his- gia's first elected president, three sectors of the country.

landish and aggressive statements could damage German interests. Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel

A soldier on duty Wednesday in Tokoza to stop clashes between Inkatha and ANC supporters.

Inkatha Rejects Plan for Security

KATLEHONG, South Africa - Zulus from the

Inkatha Freedom Party brandished clubs and rat-

tled shields on Wednesday in protest against a

township peace plan drawn up by their loes, the African National Congress and the white govern-

Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Inkatha party.

which is boycotting the ANC- and government-led

transition to democracy, officially rejected the

and the African National Congress is just another

capitulation of a lame duck government," said

Party members in Katlehong and Tokoza, two

of the worst trouble spots in four years of township

violence, said that the plan was one-sided and that

ANC loyalists in the two townships said they

Ziba Jiyane, an Inkatha spokesman.

"This action by the National Party government

from entering the country in De-ties starting Thursday.

later said he might allow Mr. Zhirmovsky to visit Germany, prompting the German League to invite him to Cologne and to a four-day congress of European far-right par-

separate civil wars and an almost

total breakdown of law and order

throughout the country. Russian

officials have expressed concern

turned to Russian troops to save his

had lost one war — against the ethnic separatusts of Abkhazia —

and seemed on the verge of losing

another, to supporters of the de-

posed president. Reversing course and rhetoric. Georgia joined the

Now Mr. Shevardnadze is look-

ing for more Russian help. Among

other things, the agreement would

allow Russia to help Georgia create

its own armed forces out of the

competing bands of gangsters and

warriors who now roam different

his one-day visit Thursday.

ERDUT. Croatia - Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky said Wednesday that he was giving orders to test a new. top-secret weapon that would kill

Muslim soldiers in Bosnia-Herze-The extreme Russian nationalist, in a wild and extraordinary state-ment, promised that 18 Muslims would die in the first test of the Russia Wants to Keep Bases in Caucasus "Elipton" weapon.

President Frederik W. de Klerk and the ANC

leader, Nelson Mandela, announced on Tuesday

that troops would be deployed to Katlehong and

Tokoza, east of Johannesburg, to replace the inter-nal Stability Unit, the widely despised white-led

police force regarded by thousands of blacks as the

The troops will be charged with restoring order.

Followers of Inkatha and the ANC have been

cleaning up battle-scarred streets, repairing dam-aged houses, restoring amenities and helping refu-

fighting in Natal province and around Johannes-

burg for the past four years of apartheid reform.

About 500 Inkatha protesters carrying clubs.

spears, shields and placards marched from Katle-

hong to Tokoza against the withdrawal of the Internal Stability Unit.

Russian Vows

To Kill Muslims

main enforcer of apartheid in the townships.

gees return to their homes.

About 14,000 people have died.

He said it would kill by producing a massive impulse of sound that man beings could not withstand. There will not be a single trace of firearms wounds, not one drop Wednesday when the leaders of ev- about Mr. Yellsin's safety during blood, not one damaged building," he told reporters. "There will Last fall. Mr. Shevardnadze just be the corpses of 18 Muslim soldiers lying there." regime after troops loval to him Mr. Zhirinovsky, who is visiting

the former Yugoslavia, has several times promised to demonstrate such a weapon, but has produced no evidence of its existence. As an opposition leader, he holds no formal powers and has no authority to test Russian arms.

China-India Troop Talks Agence France Presse

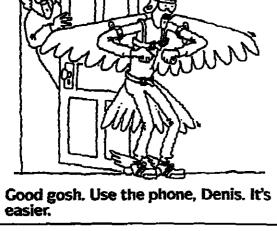
NEW DELHI - A delegation of Chinese officials arrived here Wednesday for talks on troop re-

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Saudis Turn Thumbs Down on U.S. Envoy

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration has decided against nominating the former ambassador to Kuwait, Edward W. (Skip) Guehm Jr., to be ambassador to Saudi Arabia because the Saudi government has said it will not agree to the posting.

Having a country nirn down Washington's choice for an ambassador is a rare event, but the Saudis have done to before.

They forced the Reagan administration to recall a Mideast schol-

ar, Robert G. Neumann, in 1981 after only two months. In early 1988 the Saudis booted out Hume A. Horan, another highly regarded career officer, who could speak Arabic, after only nine months.

Like Mr. Horan, Mr. Gnehm, a career Foreign Service officer, speaks Arabic, which could make him a magnet for those Sandi proponents of all those messy democratic reforms, Mr. Gnehm's push for democratic changes in Kuwait apparently did not set well with Riyadh either.

The post has been empty since the summer of 1992, when the Bush administration recalled the career diplomat Chas Freeman and tried to push through the Texas oilman John Bookout, a friend of then-Secretary of State James A. Baker 3d, just before the election. But the Democrat-controlled Senate Foreign Relations Committee balked. The Saudis early on had been pushing for a "friend of Bill" or FOB, not a career-diplomat type, someone reasonably close to President Bill Clinton, like George Stephanopoulos, his senior adviser, or Thomas F. (Mack) McLarty, his chief of staff. (WP)

Banking Panels to Dip Into Whitewater Affair

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WASHINGTON - Democratic chairmen of the House and Schale banking committees agreed to schedule savings and loan oversight hearings that Republicans intend to use as forums for inquiries about the Whitewater Development Corp. and Madison Guaranty Savings & Loan.

Under pressure from Republicans, Senator Donald W. Riegle Jr., Democrat of Michigan, and Representative Henry Gonzalez, Democrat of Texas, said they would hold hearings in the coming month on the agency disposing of failed S&Ls, the Resolution Trust Corp. Its investigation into Madison's 1989 failure led to the continuing federal criminal investigation involving the Whitewater real estate development and Mr. and Mrs. Clinton's ties to the failed S&Ls. Investigators also are examining the Clintons' Whitewater real estate venture, the financial dealings of Governor Jim. Gny Tucker of Arkansas and other prominent state figures.

Mr. Riegie and Mr. Gonzalez refused, however, to hold fullfledged hearings on Madison. They have contended that the investigation should be left to the newly appointed independent counsel, Robert B. Fiske Jr. (WP)

New Proposals to Reduce Water Pollution

WASHINGTON - The Clinton administration and Senate Democtats spelled out ambitious proposals on Tuesday to revise the Clean Water Act, broadening it to include ranoff from farms and other previously unregulated sources of pollution.

The proposed legislation by the administration this year would

also further restrict discharges of toxic chemicals, toughen enforcement of pollution laws, expand federal subsidies for local watertreatment programs, and put into law the goal of preserving wetlands at their current total area.

And, in an important change in how regulatory agencies look at the nation's water problems, the bill would call on states to set waterquality goals for entire watersheds, rather than controlling pollution one spot at a time: How farmers handle the manure from their animals, how households fertilize their lawns, and how cities design their asphalt landscapes could all be controlled by these state watershed plans.

The Clinton administration estimates that the proposals, if enacted, would leave state and local governments and busin paying 370 billion a year for clean water, against the \$62 billion they now spend complying with the federal water-pollution law. (NYT)

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Quote/Unguote

Mr. Clinton, with laryngitis, about to address a group of visitors in the White House: "I'm doing slightly worse. The good news is, you

Defense Nominee Sees Potential 'Nightmare' in Korea

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton's choice served as a deterrent. for defense secretary told the Senate on Wednesday at his confirmation hearing that the United States faced a possible "nightmare scenario" in Korea.

William Perry, now the No. 2 man at the Pentagon. said the end of the Cold War had not eliminated the unilitary threats facing the United States.

"Old threats can still pose new dangers to peace and security — I refer to the potential for conflict on the Korean Peninsula," Mr. Perry told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

"The prospect of the rogue regime of North Korea massive conventional forces is emblematic of proliferation problems we face," Mr. Perry said.

will be "rocky and twisted." He said that the Clinton appearement with North Korea. administration hoped to use diplomacy in promoting

a time of world instability.

"Historically, we have not managed well such budget declines," Mr. Perry said. "This time we must get it right or we will pay the cost later, either in blood or treasure or both."

On Korea, Mr. Perry said he supported sending acquiring a nuclear weapons capability to add to their Patriot missile systems to South Korea but said a final decision by the president was awaiting consultation North Korea and a ren-with the South Korean government. The Patriots are the Korean Peninsula. Mr. Perry said the United States was pursuing defensive missiles designed to deflect or destroy eneaggressive "diplomatic efforts to deal with this nightmare scenario," and said the presence of 100,000 U.S.

In Russia, Mr. Perry predicted, the path to stability administration of pursuing a policy bordering on

Mr. McCain said that given the choice between the Russian democracy.

The main challenge facing the defense secretary.

Mr. Perry said, was the decline of defense spending at

"I have no objection to carrots." Mr. Perry r carrot and the stick, the administration is overly prone "I have no objection to carrots," Mr. Perry replied. "And there are sticks downstream also. I'm not anx-

ious to precipitate the use of sticks." The Senate also has been voicing increasing alarm about tensions in Korea and the need to stem the violence in the former Yugoslavia. On Korea, the amendments that seek international sanctions against North Korea and a renewed U.S. nuclear presence on

continue to press for human rights reforms in China or seek China's support in dealing with North Korea, fense plan.

soldiers, sailors and airmen in the Western Pacific
served as a deterrent.

Senator John S. McCain 3d. Republican of Arizona.

While supporting the Perry nomination, accused the administration of pursuing "a policy bordering on would "pale in comparison with the prospect of a nuclear war on the Korean Peninsula," Mr. Perry said. Mr. Perry was nominated to replace Defense Secretary Les Aspin after Bobby Ray Inman was offered

the job by Mr. Clinton but backed out. Senator Sam Nunn, Democrat of Georgia, the committee chairman, said Tuesday that there was a chance of Mr. Perry's being confirmed this week. "I think he'll do a very fine job." Mr. Nunn said.

Mr. Perry, 66, founded high-tech defense companies, directed military research under President Jimmy Senate on Wednesday overwhelmingly approved two Carter and became a millionaire as a consultant to weapons makers.

He came to Capitol Hill a week after Mr. Clinton told Congress, "We must not cut defense further." and Asked about whether the United States should days before the president presents a \$264 billion

Warlike Noises on Peninsula North Blames U.S. for a 'Momentous Crisis'

By David E. Sanger New York Times Service

TOKYO - North Korea threatened Wednesday to break off its talks with the United States over nuclear inspections, claiming that the Clinton administration had "created a momentous crisis" and shown in recent days that its negotiations were only "a presense for strangling" the government of Kim Il Sung.

The statement was the latest in a series of almost but it did denounce the plan by the United States to daily and increasingly belligerent-sounding warnings set up a "Radio Free Asia." from Pyongyang.

It charged that Washington's proposal to deploy Patriot anti-missile batteries in South Korea, combined with the recent visit to Seoul by R. James Woolsey, the director of central intelligence, was evidence that the United States had moved to "the full- States. scale stage of the war preparations."

American and South Korean officials said that they were concerned by the tone of the North Korean dispatches, which were broadcast Wednesday and also handed over to the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna.

But the officials said that it was difficult to determine whether the warnings were originating with the country's leadership or with other, lower-level

Some suggested that the North was trying to use the Patriot missile deployment as its newest reason for refusing go along with any detailed inspection by the atomic energy agency.

"Sometimes they are bluffing and sometimes a steady buildup in the rhetoric indicates we have a real problem on our hands." one U.S. official, who monitors the North, said.

Frankly, this time we can't tell." [In Seoul, Foreign Minister Han Sung Joo of South Korea urged caution Wednesday in the dispute with North Korea, Agence France-Presse reported. Speaking to senior South Korean diplomats, Mr. Han called a stratagem aimed at devising a pretense for stranger a shift away from confrontation, saying that in a general game "a gain for one side entails a correction of this end." sponding loss for the other."

In recent days American. South Korean and Japaness officials have said privately that they would give be considered provocative" is "the height of North Korea until Feb. 21, the start of a meeting of the atomic energy agency's board of governors, to allow The North repeated its usual warning that, if the atomic energy agency's board of governors, to allow international inspectors to resume their visits to Yong-byon, North Korea's nuclear complex.

United States decided to "take other options," pre-sumably including sanctions, "we will also take our byon, North Korea's nuclear complex.

If there is no progress by then, a senior Japanese own countermeasures."

official said Wednesday, the UN Security Council would be asked to impose sanctions.

A formal deadline has not been presented to the The statement came a day after the U.S. Senate

adopted a nonbinding resolution urging President Bill Clinton to take a harder line with the North. North Korea has not responded to that resolution,

In its six-page statement. North Korea's Foreign Ministry denounced the International Atomic Energy Agency, accusing it of participating in a conspiracy with the United States to force it into far more intrusive inspections than it agreed to with the United

It appears to have envisioned that inspection as very limited, and far short of the kind required under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

The North said in March that it was abandoning the treaty, but it later suspended that decision, declaring that the move would depending on the outcome of its talks with the United States.

Since then it has claimed it holds a special status, neither in the treaty nor out of it, that exempts it from the inspection requirements. The energy agency, it said Wednesday, "tried stu-pidly to force full-scope inspections" that would be

"equivalent" of North Korea's "de facto return to treaty," and deliberately delayed consultations with North Korea to provoke a crisis. The agency, saying its own reputation for thorough-

ness and integrity was at stake, has refused to negoti-ate over the terms of its inspection. David Kyd, the agency's spokesman, said: "We

have told them that a limited inspection is not enough. We can't just look over the fence." The American approach, the North said, is "simply

It added that the State Department's "sophistry that the deployment of the U.S. missiles can in no way

Cultist Cites Mass Suicide Plan

By Sue Anne Pressley

Washington Post Service SAN ANTONIO, Texas Victorine Hollingsworth did not want to kill herself. Four days after a Feb. 28 shootout with federal agents at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco. Texas, the cult's leader. David Koresh, planned for his followers to draw authorities into a final firefight commit mass suicide and "blow up" their armed compound, she testified in feder-

al court. By then, Mr. Koresh felt certain he was dying from gunshot wounds he had received in the shootout. His body would be carried outside on a stretcher by men armed with hand grenades. Everyone would die a quick death, and we would all go home to Mother," Miss Hollingsworth said Tuesday.

But even as she stood in line to bid Mr. Koresh farewell, even as she joined in a last prayer with the others. Miss Hollingsworth. 59, was deeply troubled. "I knew if I committed suicide," she said, "I would not have a place in God's kingdom.

She was spared the decision. Mr. Koresh suddenly called off the plan, announcing that he had had a vision from God directing him to do further work.

The testimony by Miss Hollingsworth a British citizen, was the first by a Branch Davidian in the murder and conspiracy trial of 11 other members of the religious sect.

The cult's 51-day standoff, which began the day of the shootuge fire and the deaths of Mr. Koresh and more than 80 follow-

Miss Hollingsworth testified boasting about shooting federal



Miss Hollingsworth being escorted to the courthouse in San Antonio to testify in the trial of 11 Branch Davidian members.

tout she saw two of the detendants, Livingstone Fagan and Brad Branch, holding guns and

tout, ended on April 10 with a that on the morning of the shoo-agents. But she also said that Mr. RIGHT Who can from room to room firing and yelling at people to keep low, was "protecting" the women and children.

Commerce Chief Says Payoff Inquiry Cleared Him

WASHINGTON - Commerce Secretary Ronald H. Brown said Wednesday that the Justice Department had cleared him of allegations that he agreed to work to lift the U.S. trade embargo against Vietnam for a \$700,000 payoff:
Mr. Brown said a Justice Department letter stated: "No further investigation is warranted. Accordingly, we are closing the investigation. We appreciate Seurgary Brown's cooperation with the investigation."

He said that he was pleased that the inquiry had "fully and fairly exonerated" him of any wrongdoing and that "this matter has been brought to an official close."

■ No Evidence to Support Allegations Jerry Knight of The Washington Post reported earlier from

WAshington:
A federal grand jury in Miami found no evidence to support claims by a Florida businessman, Binh Ly, that the two businessmen recruired Mr. Brown to help develop businessmen ness ventures in Vietnam as soon as the trade ban could be

predicted for several months that he would be exonerated. Independently, the Clinton administration has been moving to end the long prohibition on trade with Vietnam. The Senate last week voted to support ending the embargo, and the White House could lift the embargo soon.

The investigation involving Mr. Brown began last summer and was carried out by the FBI, the Justice Department and the Miami grand jury.

Grand jury investigations that produce no criminal charges usually end without any statement, but the Justice Department reportedly is preparing to agree to demands by Mr. Brown's attorney, Reid Weingarten, that his client is entitled to a public exoneration because of his prominence and the publicity given the investigation.

Carl Stern, Justice Department spokesman, refused to confirm reports from Brown supporters and administration officials that the Florida investigation was about to be

terminated without any action. The grand jury has investigated allegations by Mr. Ly, lifted, sources familiar with the investigation said. who came to the United States as a student in the 1970s, that Mr. Brown has consistently denied the allegations and two of his business partners obtained Mr. Brown's help in

working to end the trade embargo after promising to pay him \$700,000 through a secret bank account.

Mr. Ly has acknowledged that he never met Mr. Brown, but has said he was told of Mr. Brown's role by his partners. Nguyen Van Hao, a Miami convenience store owner who was once an official of the Vietnamese government, and Marc Ashton, a Haitian-born Florida frozen food entrepreneur who is a longtime friend of Mr. Brown's.

Mr. Ly had said he was originally a partner with Mr. Hao and Mr. Ashton in a plan to develop businesses in Vietnam. but withdrew from the venture after his partners told him they had made an arrangement to bring Mr. Brown into the venture and pay him to work to end the trade embargo.

The grand jury investigation began last summer after Mr. Ly sent letters to the press, the Justice Department and several members of Congress making the allegations.

Last September, Mr. Brown acknowledged that he had met three times with Mr. Hao and Mr. Ashton. He has said that he met with them only because of their personal relationship and that he never agreed to participate in any business venture with them or sought payments.

Away From Politics

 Punx sutawney Phil should have stayed in bed on Groundhog Day. With the temperature a bracing minus 2 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 19 centigrade). the famous groundhog saw his shadow, or at least cast one, when he was pulled from his cozy, hayfilled burrow on Wednesday in Punxsutawney. Pennsylvania. Tradition has it that this means six more weeks of winter. About 2,000 people showed up to take part in the forecasting fun. They jeered

• The killer of a 16-year-old store clerk died by lethal injection in the state prison at Huntsville. Texas, in the state's first execution of 1994. Harold Barnard, 51, shot and killed the youth during a 1980 robbery. He was pronounced dead nine mintites after receiving a lethal dose of chemicals, a state prison sookesman said.

• The prosecution's case against Byron De La Beckwith ended with the surprise appearance of a former prison guard who testified that the defendant, screaming with anger, had confessed to "get-

ting rid" of the civil-rights leader Medgar Evers. Mr. Beckwith, on trial in Jackson, Mississippi, is charged with murdering Mr. Evers in 1963.

ults would no longer be banned at the University of Pennsylvania under a speech code proposed replace the one used against a student who called a group of blacks "water buffalo." The new approach, under which threats of physical harm would be outlawed, is essentially what the First Amendment stipulates, said a university spokesman, adding. "The rules inside the campus cannot be different from those outside."

• New York City cannot offer a 10 percent "price preference" to companies owned by women of minorities in bidding for municipal contracts, a State Supreme Court judge ruled. Justice Walter B. Tolub ruled less than a week after Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani issued an executive order eliminating the preference, saying it cost taxpayers too much

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On Payday, Women Still Lag but Are Gaining Ground on Men

By Tom Redburn New York Times Service NEW YORK - Women in New York City came a lot closer to men — up from 71 cears on the experts on labor markets said the matching the earnings of men durmatching the earnings of men turnings is considered the with recent studies showing strong ing the 1980s than elsewhere in the most basic measure of women's staconomic gains for women in the

nation, according to a study.

The study, which covered New Yorkers over 25, found that except school diploma, working women gained on men of comparable education during that decade. And those income gains are likely to previous three decades that level continue in the 1990s, experts said, had hovered around 60 percent. although probably at a slower pace.

77.5 cents for each dollar earned by gathered in 1980 and 1990. Other men—up from 71 cents on the experts on labor and 1970. In New York, women who Teachers College of Columbia Unihis in the work force.

In 1989, American women in ings, according to data from the U.S. Bureau of the Census. For the The research, conducted at so numerous here - white-collar, 69.5 percent of the men's wage to en.

for women who lacked a high general were paid only 66 percent City may be less reliable because of well. In New York, those aged 25 to school diploma, working women of their male counterpart's earndata about incomes Women who work in New York paid. And women between the ages City fared better than most women of 35 and 44 made the greatest

vice-sector employment - tend to be much more open to women. At the same time, the sharp decline in Columbia findings were consistent manufacturing jobs in the city, justed for inflation, at the end of much greater than in the nation the 1980s than they did at the beconomic gains about the property of the decade. Their avertones in the city, justed for inflation, at the end of much greater than in the nation the 1980s than they did at the beconomic gains for woman in the generally, tended to hit men harder. 1980s. But they cautioned that Younger women and well-edu-some conclusions about New York cated women fared exceptionally Younger women and well-edu-

professional and managerial ser-. 79.3 percent, according to the vice-sector employment — tend to Teachers College report. Women who graduated from col-lege earned 25.4 percent more, adage earnings in 1989 amounted to \$35,677, up from \$28,451 in 1979. Similarly educated men saw their average earnings rise by 21.9 per-

what men of the same age were Poorly educated women and immigrants, however, did not share so much in the progress of other womelsewhere largely because the jobs strides, raising their earnings from

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Archaeologist Finds an Ancient Port in Mexico

By Tod Robberson

Weshington Post Service EL PITAL Mexico - An American archaeologist in this 1,500 years ago, apparently having served as the largest

coastal urban center in North America in its time. Although excavation has not begun on the 150 earthen pyramids and other structures at the site it is yielding surface artifacts and data indicating it once served as a political, cultural and trading center contemporary with the city of Teotihuacán, whose towering pyramids still stand

near present-day Mexico City. Thousands, possibly more than 20,000 people, may have a 2,500-to-3,000-year human chronology around El Pital.

Thousands, possibly more than 20,000 people, may have a 2,500-to-3,000-year human chronology around El Pital is inhabited the city and its suburbs at its peak of activity from Situated 15 kilometers (9 miles) west of the Gulf, El Pital is

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The core city, its suburbs and satelline communities measure about 40 kilometers long and 20 kilometers wide, with earth-and-stone pyramids up to 40 meters high. Despite its size, the site is virtually invisible at ground level because of thick vegetation. According to Mr. Wilkerson, preliminary studies indicate

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cent to \$42,057.

"It is quite possible the city controlled coastal trade at a time we know the meso-American civilization was reaching its zenith," said George Smart, director of archaeological projects at the National Geographic Society in Washington. Anytime you find a huge ruin, unknown and undug, it adds another part to the larger mosaic," he added. "This is of far more than routine importance."

El Pital appears to have been contemporary with Teotihuacan, which arose early in the first millennium and dominated the valley of Mexico for roughly 750 years. Mr. Wilkerson said he discounted the theory that El Pital somehow served as a subservient outpost to the larger, more powerful Teotihuacan. Rather, he says he believes it was an independent and self-supporting city with its own distinct trade links and sphere of political power.

Nevertheless, the two cities probably maintained some cultural or commercial links, he said. Teotihuacan and El Pital both shared common architectural and artistic styles. and their inhabitants had an affinity for an ancient ball-game ritual played with a hard rubber ball and a stone hoop imbedded in the walls of a long, narrow court.

and those of the southern Mediterranean area, which offer particularly interesting and often underrated markets. FOR INFORMATIONS AND REGISTRATION CRANS-MONTANA FORUM IN BUCHAREST Föndstign du Forum Universale Cours-de-Ritte - 1264 Geneva (Switzerland) Tel. 41-22-310.93.95 Fax 41-22-310.99.05 Tolex 485 052 FOND-CH

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they would abandon Hungary."

Mr. Granasztoi said, adding that

his country needed "a stronger

Union governments rebuffed

commission efforts last year to set a

1996 review date for East European

countries, and they remain just as

unwilling to get boxed into a time-

table, said a senior commission of-

ficial. Mr. Delors meets with Mr.

Pawlak on Thursday, and officials

said the commission president was

likely to offer little more than the

prospect of more frequent meetings

with EU ministers and officials to

keep Poland abreast of Union poli-

Similarly. French and German

efforts to calm Eastern Europe's

security lears by offering them as-

sociate membership in the Union's

defense arm, the Western Europe-

an Union, are likely to be blocked

again, officials and diplomats say. Most governments believe that a

defense body that still includes

only nine of the 12 EU states is

hardly ready to extend security guarantees to areas where NATO

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commitment" from the Union.

GENEVA - Killings, torture and land confiscation have continued in the occupied territories since Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization signed a peace accord in September, a United Nations investigator said Wednesday.

The investigator, René Felber, a former Swiss foreign minister, called on Israel to free its 12,000 Palestinian prisoners and urged Israel and the Palestinians to halt violence among groups on both sides that oppose the accord.

He singled out members of the Islamic militant group Hamas for using incendiary bombs and Israeli settlers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip for attacking Palestinians. "The Israeli authorities in particular should en-

sure that the army exercises restraint in responding to outbreaks of violence." Mr. Felber wrote. Mr. Felber, who met Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and the leader of the Palestine Liberation

promise of membership. That is all

the more important following the

North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-

tion's Partnership for Peace formu-

la, which included neither a prom-

ise nor a timetable for membership.

Given that membership talks

will take years to conclude. Poland

wants the Union to commit to a

review of relations in 1996 that

would lead to negotiations, said

Jan Kulakowski, the country's am-

Hungary's ambassador, Gyorgy

Granasztoi, said Budapest was

likely to make a formal request for

membership in coming weeks, even

though it did not expect formal negotiations before 1997.

Following the electoral success

of Russian ultranationalists led by

Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky, Hunga-

ry's ruling coalition needs tangible

support from Brussels for its pro-

Union policies before parliamenta-

ry elections in May to fend off the

extreme right and left, which in-

stead urge alliances with the former

Yugoslavia and Russia. Mr. Gran-

"We hear a lot of declarations

that it is a wrong policy, that in

1956 the Western world showed us

The exhibitors:

asztoi said.

bassador to the Union.

officials say.

sented his report to the UN Human Rights Commission, which opened its annual six-week session

in another report, the rights group Amnesty International said it wished to draw attention "to the detention and imprisonment of some 10,000 Palestinians, the situation in south Lebanon and the killings of Palestinian and Israeli civilians." Amnesty said it suspected Israel of torturing prisoners in parts of Lebanon that it or its allies

Mr. Arafat, who addressed the UN forum on Tuesday, said 14,000 Palestinians were being held by the Israelis and also called for their release.

Last month, Mr. Felber was the first UN "special rapporteur" in 25 years allowed to enter the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

"The number of incidents resulting in the loss of Palestinian and Israeli lives in the occupied territo-

ries has not declined," he said. At least 45 Palestinians and 20 Israelis were killed between the signing

Clearly, neither the Western Eu-

On trade, the Union has turned a

deaf ear to requests that it open its

market to the East's most competi-

tive exports, namely farm goods.

steel and textiles. Although the

Union will lift quotas on most in-

dustrial goods from Poland. Hun-

gary, the Czech Republic and Slo-

vakia beginning next year, the three

EU officials point out that their

domestic steel industry is awash in

excess capacity and a complex re-

structuring plan is on the verge of

collapse. And farm goods are politically untouchable as evidenced by

the global trade negotiations.

which "almost foundered on agri-

culture," a commission official

If the Union cannot open its

markets any further, Mr. Kula-

kowski said, then it should loosen

up its aid budget to help Poland

and other countries restructure

their economies. In particular, he

said Mr. Pawlak, whose coalition of

former Communists won office by

questioning the social costs of eco-

nomic shock therapy, would seek to

redirect some of the 300 million

European Currency Units (\$265

million) of EU money spent on

technical assistance to programs

aimed at cushioning the burden on retirees and low-income people.

France Will Issue

PARIS - France said Wednes-

day that it would soon replace pa-per identity documents with high-

tech, plastic-covered cards that are

linked to a central computer system

and are harder to forge. Interior Minister Charles Pasqua

said the new blue cards, already

used on a trial basis in a handful of

regions, would be phased in by the

end of 1995. The Interior Ministry

is also considering replacing resi-

dence permits for foreigners with a

computerized stamp attached to

Mr. Pasqua said none of more

than 500,000 new cards issued since

1988 in one region west of Paris had been forged, while in 1992

alone there were 10,000 cases of

fake cards out of 3 million old-style

documents issued elsewhere in

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sensitive sectors will not be affect-

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iswer today, he added.

Austria Foreign Minister Acts to End Scandal

By David B. Ottaway

Washington Past Service
VIENNA — Foreign Minister Alois Mock acted Wednesday to put an end to the presidential marital scandal that has

been plaguing Austria for the past month. in a statement, Mr. Moch announced that President Thomas Klestil's mistress, Margot Löffler, was quitting her job in Mr. Klestil's office immediately and going on vacation for several weeks starting Monday.

Mr. Klestil, 61, had stirred up more controversy by announcing his intention to take Miss Löffler with him on his visit to Egypt that begins Monday, even though he has already agreed to sever his relationship with her.

Apparently acting to head off more publicity at home and abroad about Mr. Klestil's affair, Mr. Moch was able to intervene to stop Miss Löffler, 39, from accompanying the president to Cairo since she is officially a Foreign Ministry

She had been serving as the president's deputy cabinet chief and appointments secretary since his election in 1992. Mr. Moch said that "in agreement" with Mr. Klestil and after a talk with Miss Loffler, he had "granted her wish to end her assignment to the presidential office."

He promised to arrange "a quick positing abroad" for her although he gave no indication where she would be sent.

Mr. Klestil's affair has already caused a break with his

wife of 37 years, Edith, 55, and shattered his image as a

The Austrian magazine News reported that Mr. Klestil had hired a lawyer to begin negotiations with his wife for a separation but not a divorce. The lawyer was quoted as saying he had been instructed to reach a generous settlement. But the magazine said a legal battle appeared likely over the

division of property.

Austria seems ill at ease with the debate the breakup is causing. The final straw, Mrs. Klestil told the press, was her rusband's request that his mistress join them in the presidential box at the Musikverein to listen to the traditional New Year's Day Concert.

"I'm not prepared," she was quoted as saying, "to become an abandoned, embittered, nasty old wife for the sake of a lot of grief. I'm not ready to be dragged into a corner in which I

don't belong. I have done the best I could."

For two years, she had been putting up with her husband's affair with a woman who had first been a campaign official and then an aide.

By press accounts, Miss Löffler is a hard-driven, ambi-tious promoter of the president and had a knack of often appearing with a smile just behind him and his wife. The scandal has again tainted the moral authority of the presidency, which was beginning to recover from the accusa-tions against his predecessor, Kurt Waldheim, of serving in

The Viennese press had known about the affair but said nothing. Affairs of Austrian politicians were regarded as private matters and off-limits to photographers and report-

Now the tabloid press has gone to town. It has also been asking in headlines whether he will resign as president to live with his mistress, drop her and reconcile with his wife, or parate from both.

Mrs. Klestil has kept the media fueled by speaking out about her feelings of betrayal and of being used to promote

his career at her life's expense. Public sympathies seem divided over whether she should have spoken out or kept her silence. But she was given an ovation by high society two weeks ago when she appeared at the Philharmonic Ball.

Still, the polls show that an overwhelming majority of Austrians — 80 percent or more — think Mr. Klestil should continue as president.

A dark-horse candidate in the 1992 election, Mr. Klestil had run an effective campaign and charmed Austrians with his casual approach and his appeal to family values. It was said that this image was a factor in his victory.

Although he was the official candidate of the conservative Austrian People's Party, Mr. Klestil was not a member of

For a New Finland, A Different Choice

Woman Likely to Win Vote

By William E. Schmidt

New York Times Service

HELSINKI — When Elisabeth
Rehn joined a televised debate last
month among Finland's 11 presi
month among Finland's 11 presimonth among Finland's 11 presi-dential candidates, a questioner demanded to know what she was do-policy choice: Whoever wins, they ing there: As the nominee of a tiny party composed mostly of Swedish-speaking Finns, the journalist declared, Mrs. Rehn surely did not believe she had a serious chance of

But the 58-year-old candidate of the rump Swedish People's Party and Finland's first female defense minister — only confounded political pundits here last month by finishing a strong second in the first round of presidential balloting. And now Mrs. Rehn is the odds-on choice to win the runoff on Sunday and become Finland's first Temale president.

Her party, the junior partner in the center-right parliamentary coalition that governs Finland, ports as well counts barely 6 percent of the Finnish electorate. But Mrs. Rehn has opened more than a 10-point lead in public opinion polls over Martti Ahtisaari, 56, a career diplomat who had the most votes in the first round of balloting. Mr. Ahtisaari, who has never before held elected office, is the candidate of the much larger center-left Social

was mobbed by young people and defense minister, she is the best supporters who gathered in subfreezing temperatures. Several of them bugged her and held out autograph books covered with her press

EUROPE: Union, Too, Gives East the Cold Shoulder "She's different from other politicians I've seen in Finland," said Anne Aronen, a caterer who brought her three children to see Mrs. Rehn, who is married with four children and nine grandchildren. "I don't know, but I feel like I know her.'

> With Finns getting their first chance ever to vote directly for a presidential candidate, as opposed to casting ballots for competing slates of presidential electors, the campaign has been the most unpredictable in memory.

In large part, the campaign reflects doubt and uncertainty among voters over the state of Finland's economy - the unemployment rate last month topped 22 percent, the highest in Europe -as well as renewed anxieties about instability along Finland's long border with Russia.

"Like everywhere else, people here just don't seem to trust the old politicians," said Jaakko Iloniemi, the former Finnish ambassador to the United States and now the di-rector of the Center for Finnish Business and Policy Studies in Helsinki. "In that sense, I think this

saari, voters have made one clear will get a president committed to pushing for Finland's membership in the European Union. Under Finland's constitution, the president is charged with shaping Fin-

land's foreign policy.

In the primary, candidates of parties who campaigned on a platform opposing the European Union finished in the bottom half of the vote count.

Finland is looking to redefine its role in Europe, after the collapse of the old Soviet empire. For decades, Heisinki pursued a policy of studied neutrality that not only assured harmony with its dangerous neigh-bor, but guaranteed Finland a market for nearly a quarter of its ex-

While public opinion polls say most Finns are still divided on the question of joining the European Union, they appear to be increasingly receptive to arguments that European unity holds out the best prospect of new jobs and markets. At the same time, Finns are more

anxious about security, given the growing instability across the Rus-Democratic Party.

At a campaign rally last week in Raumas, a struggling port city on Finland's west coast. Mrs. Rehn ration, Mrs. Rehn has said that as equipped to tackle the security is-

> In 1992, she not only led the campaign to acquire 64 U.S.-built F-18 jet lighters for the air force, a move unthinkable in the days when Finland would have shied from offending Moscow by buying American weapons, but also donned a flight helmet before cameras and rode shotgun in one of the lighters. Finland has never had a woman

as president, but woman have high political visibility in Finland, which in 1906 became the first European nation to give women the right to vote. Currently, a third of the government cabinet and a third of the parliament are women.

Until a few weeks ago, most polls predicted that Mr. Ahtisaari was the favorite to succeed President Mauno Kovisto, who decided not to run for re-election this winter after serving two six-year terms. Mr. Ahtisaari is one of Finland's best-known diplomats.

Because Mrs. Rehn is a member of the present cabinet, Mr. Ahtisaari has been seeking to convince voters that she must share part of the responsibility for government failures to remedy Finland's economic malaise. "If people make a rational choice," he said in an interview, "I should win in a landslide."

EUROPEAN | Around Europe The Dutch government wants to make Frisian the nation's sec-**TOPICS**

Life in Brussels Without a Car

Life without a car: Tempting or terrifying? Eight couples in Brussels, fed up with the stress of driving in the Belgian capital, have agreed to do without their automobiles for a month. They handed over their keys in a ceremony last Saturday.

The experiment, supported by Brussels officials, the League of Families and the Inter-Environment group, requires the couples —all are young, with children — to keep a log of their movements. their pleasant and unpleasant surprises, their moods, and costs

In exchange, reports Le Soir, a Brussels daily, each couple re-ceives a "survival kit." It contains passes good on subways. trams, buses and commuter trains, a complete set of maps and schedules, bicycles, a small cart for groceries, access to a delivery service and price lists from car rental companies. The cost of the kit is said to equal that of maintaining a car for a month-

to make Prisan the hands s serious of collected language. Frisian, once spoken along the North Sea coast as far as Schleswig in Germany, is now the language of about half a million people in the land, and in some offshore islands. A form of Low German with hints of Old Danish, its re-

semblance to English is so earily close that English-speakers hear-ing it from a distance often mis-take it for their own language. Road signs in Friesland are already in Frisian, and newspapers have Frisian news sections. The proposal to give the language of-ficial status, which is expected to pass parliament this year, would require translation of official documents into Frisian.

BBC's Radio 3 plans to adopt a new tone that more closely "reflects the sound of the nation." "If you turn on Radio 3," Liz Forgan of BBC told The Daily Telegraph, "you know immediately what it is. Many people find it off-putting. It is so unlike any other part of English life, it's an enclave. However valuable and beautiful BBC pronunciation is, if it is stopping people enjoying music, it is not worth it." She said listeners would increasingly be bearing Irish voices and "lovely rich Brummie," or Birmingham, accents. This new diversity is a far cry from the

rampant in Japanese public life.

poll to 58 percent.

impeccable linguistic formality of the old Third Program, which obliged its unseen announcers to

Hard times seem to have brought out the gaming instinct in the French: The 142 French casinos reported a 31 percent rise in receipts last year, to 3.9 billion francs (\$663 million). The biggest share -28 billion francs comes from slot machines. The most lucrative casino is Cannes-Croisette, followed by Divonneles-Bains outside of Geneva, Deauville and Nice-Ruhl, each of which takes in more than 200 million francs a year.

Meanwhile, the poor economy has not taken the fizz out of Champagne sales—they were up 7 percent last year. But at least half of all sales in France were by the big suburban supermarkets, which sometimes sell a bottle for as little as 40 francs (about \$7).

British women prefer being wined and dired to making love, according to a new survey. A plurality of the 1,010 respondents in a Good Housekeeping magazine survey said the pros-pect of a delicious meal in a restaurant was more tempting than making love. Those who get their kicks from good food named Italian restaurants as their favorite followed by Chinese and French. Spanish cuisine finished

Brian Knowlton

Vow Kept, Hosokawa Rides High in the Polls political and electoral reforms

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatcher TOKYO - Public support for the government of Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa rebounded after the enactment of political reform legislation last week, accord-

ing to a opinion polls. A poll published Wednesday by the Yomiuri Shimbun indicated that Mr. Hosokawa's government had the backing of slightly more than 72 percent of the public.

The survey, based on more than 2,000 respondents nationwide, was consistent with two other newspaper polls on Tuesday that gave him percent backing.

The findings suggest that ordi-nary Japanese highly value Mr. Hosokawa's good intentions despite a half-year during which his coalition had only limited success in putting them into practice.

Mr. Hosokawa, 56, took office on Aug. 9 after his fierce anti-corruption campaign helped to topple the long-governing Liberal Democratic Party.

His coalition of seven parties, from hard left to pro-business cen-ter right, faced an immediate test in how it handled Japan's persistent

At the same time, Mr. Hosokawa said his government would give pri-ority to passing a series of radical

percent, welcomed passage of the reforms, even in diluted form, although only 36 percent thought they would be effective in curbing political corruption. Just last year, the scandal-

steeped Liberal Democratic gov-ernment of Prime Minister Krichi Miyazawa was struggling to achieve a 20 percent approval rat-ing after at one point dipping into single figures.

The latest Yomiuri survey, taken

on Saturday and Sunday, showed

the cabinet's approval rating up 6.5 points from December, to 72.4 per-

Almost two in three voters, or 64

(Reuters, AFP)

aimed at curbing the graft long Months of stalemate over these proposed changes delayed action on vital economic legislation. In December, the public began to show disquiet, cutting Mr. Hosokawa's approval rating in one Yet, when the Liberal Democrats forced him into a compromise last weekend to get the reform package through, cutting some of its strongest anti-corruption clauses, voters seemed to under-

Mr. Hosokawa, whose approval rating is at 72 percent.

A Devil of a Time In Tokyo Getting This Boy Named

Las Angeles Times Service TOKYO - The Family Court has granted the wish of a 30-year-old snack-shop operator who want-ed to give his son a Japanese first name no one would forget: It ordered the city of Akishima to register the boy as Akuma, or Devil Shigeharu Sato and his wife, Ayako, 22, agreed that their first child, who was born July 30, should have that unusual name. But when they tried to register it, officials

Their case, which attracted widespread attention, brought into question whether the governmen could apply its widespread practice of "administrative guidance," intervention without specific legal authority, even to the process of

naming children.
The Family Court, in effect, said it could — but roled in favor of Mr. Sato on a technicality.

It said Mr. Sate had "misused" the right of parents to name their children. But it added that city officials, having written the name in the Satos' family register — the in Japan — failed to follow legal procedures when they later had second thoughts, removed it and asked Mr. Sato to choose another

The battle may not be over, however. City officials said they planned to seek the Justice Ministry's intervention.

Rabin Will Visit Madrid

MADRID - Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel will meet with Prime Minister Felipe González of Spain during a visit Feb. 21-22, a government statement said

OECD: Rivalry Over New Chief

Continued from Page 1 independent central and Eastern

European nations into the West The U.S. endorsement, which came just 24 hours after Downing Street indicated its support for Lord Lawson, was another political snub for London, which is still reeling from President Bill Clinton's decision last neekend to provide a U.S. visa to Gerry Adams, leader of the political arm of the Irish Republican Army

The State Department insisted that aithough it respected Mr. Lawson, it believed Mr. Johnson would provide superior leadership for the OECD "at a time when the administration is putting more emphasis on the OECD in recognition of the fact that the world has changed dramatically over the last several

A British official, using the same argument the United States offered on behalf of Mr. Johnston, said, The OECD needs real clout. meaning a political figure and not a bureaucrat." He added that Lord Lawson spoke excellent French, a talent that is snared by the bilinguai Mr. Johnston, a Montrealbased lawver who has served as president of Canada's Treasury Board, as science minister, as economic and regional development minister and as Canada's Attorney

The OECD, founded in 1960 as a successor to the Marshall Plan, has

been called a rich man's club. It brings together 24 industrialized nations to collect economic data and discuss joint policy initiatives. But critics have called it moribund. and only last week Peter Sutherland, director-general of GATT, castigated it as inadequate to meet the challenge of the emerging world economic order.

Although the State Department said Mr. Paye had done a good job at the OECD, another Clinton administration official said that his stewardship of the organization "is not really held in very high regard; he is considered a bit flat."

Diplomats said several European governments say they feel it is time to break the near monopoly that Frenchmen enjoy in runn the world's leading economic and nolitical organizations. Among hese Frenchmen is Michel Camdessus, managing director of the International Monetary Fund; Jacques de Larosière, president of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission.

The formal decision on who will head the OECD will be made at a meeting of the organization's council sometime this spring, and ratified at the OECD's ministerial meeting in June. The job comes with a salary of \$165,000 a year. plus \$42,000 of annual entertainment expenses, a large apartment and a chauffeur-driven car.

BIHAR: A Regional Rebellion Continued from Page 1 back the landowners. All of them

are fighting among themselves and with the police in lightning strikes using guerrilla tactics. The police and observers said that these groups had more than a

million ideological adherents and that their armed wings employed as many as 250 soldiers in some dis-It is axiomatic in India that if something is the worst in the country, it is in Bihar. The state has the

west literacy rate (38.5 percent) of India's 26 states and a per capita income of less than \$70 a year. Farmhands, the largest section of the work force, typically earn one meal and three pounds of grain work. Until about 10 years ago, a

bride would be forced to sleep with the local land baron on her wedding night. The Maoists have persuaded laborers to strike against big landowners - generally, anyone with more than 25 acres — and to squat

on parcels of land. Gradually, entire towns have grown up around land seized by farmhands. The residents of Stalin Nagar (until 10 years ago, the village of Dirawan) said they had no idea who Stalin was or what he

stood for. For the landowners, the struggle is simply a fight against common criminals who want to steal their land and their crops.

"I say to my neighbors, 'I don't care if you have clothes and grain in the house, but you should have a store of bullets and cartridges," said Rana Jogeshwar Kumar Singh, 58, the head of the small village of Nagamagarh, south of the city of Gays in one of Bihar's most troubled areas.

Four miles from the nearest paved road, the village is a tempting target for the Maoists and bands of thieves. Villagers rarely walk outside without guns, Mr. Singh said, and four sentries are posted at the edge of the village

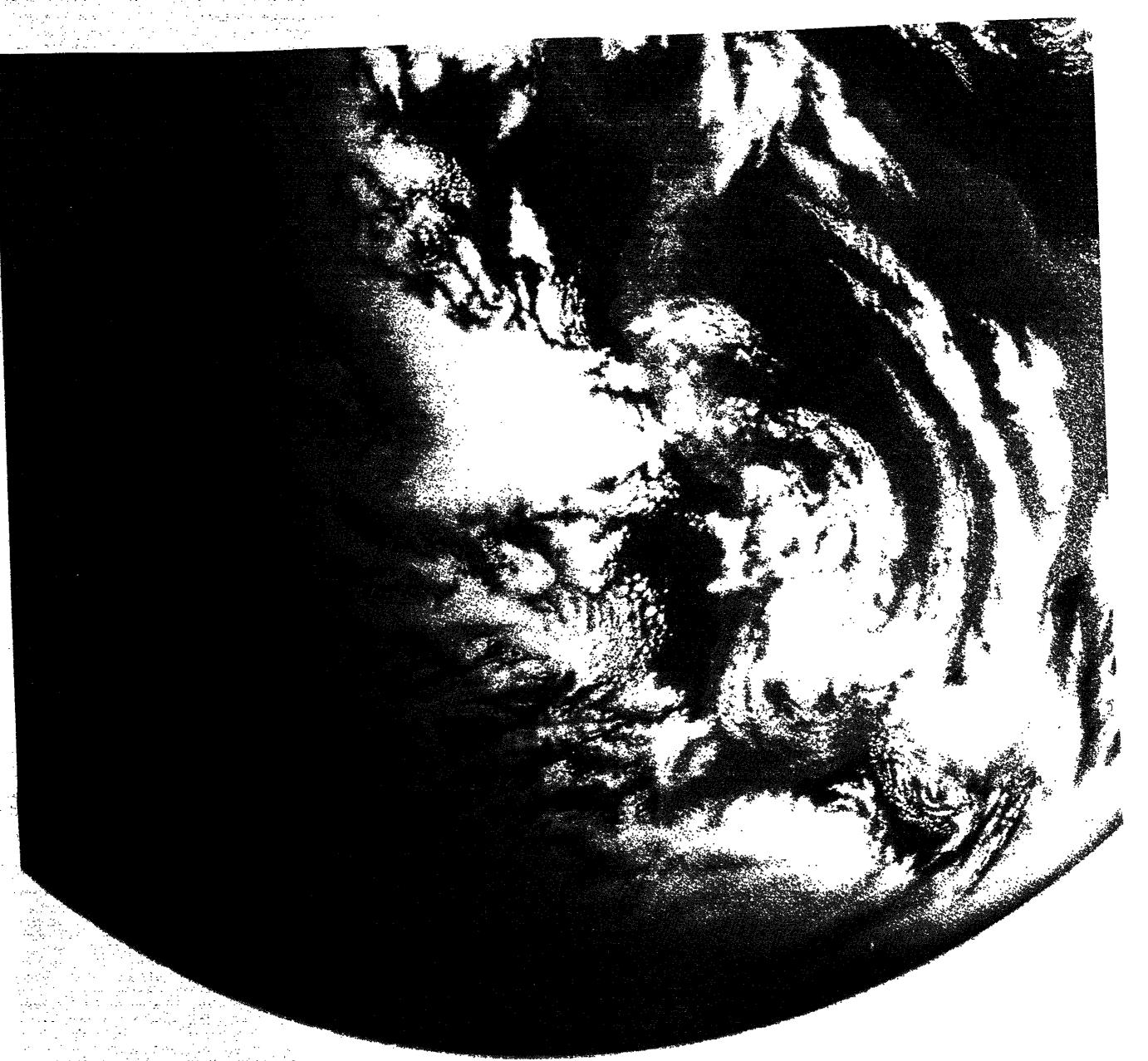
According to Shan-E-Ali, 24, who heads Sunlight, the largest landowners' militia, the Maoists are "threatening us and telling us to submit — that the land belongs to way a name is recognized officially the laborers."

"But we've owned land for generations." he said. "How can we just hand it over?" Mr. Ali, who claims to have

killed more than 200 people in revenge for the beheading of his father by the Maoists in 1988, said his group was formed by landowners angry that the police were leaving their lands unprotected and the deaths of their relatives unpun-

"If the government and the po-lice could be trusted, this wouldn't be happening," he said, echoing the words of all sides here. "We were forced to take this path of vio-

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Guard All Plutonium Now

The United States and Russia have agreed to dismantle many of their nuclear weapons. But this wonderful idea has a potentially serious downside. The nuclear material - uranium and plutonium - extracted during the dismantling process can conceivably, be sold to or stolen by other countries that hope to build nuclear weapons of their own. What to do? The National Academy of Sciences has

some useful ideas. Highly enriched uranium extracted from warheads is relatively easy to render militarily harmless. Once blended down, it can fuel power plants but cannot be used for warheads without re-enrichment. In contrast, plutonium separated from spent fuel is usable in warheads. It needs to be securely stored and disposed of. The academy's experts recommend that the nuclear material be stored under international safeguards, pending dispos-al or civilian use. "In the interest of speed" they recommend joint U.S.-Russian monitoring, which would later be joined by the International Atomic Energy Agency. The Clinton administration should begin negotiating such arrangements without delay.

The experts would dispose of plutonium in

either of two ways: by mixing it with highly radioactive waste, then combining the mix with molten glass into large logs, which can be securely stored; or else by using it to fuel reactors, turning it into radioactive spent fuel. They see no need to build new reactors to burn up the plutonium.

Their conclusions have important implications for the production and use of nuclear material in civilian reactors as well. One implication is that, given all the plutonium to be disposed of, the world has no need to manufacture still more plutonium -as Russia, Japan and many European countries now plan to do.

Another implication is that it is as impor-tant to safeguard photonium used for civilian purposes as it is to protect material extracted from warheads. At least two of the three confirmed thefts of nuclear material in Russia came from civilian installations. The United States should do what it can to help the Russians make these facilities less vulnerable.

Plutonium plowshares need to be safe-guarded soon, and forever, lest they be turned back into swords.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Vacant Seats at the Fed

Making appointments to the Federal Re-serve Board is harder for a Democratic president than for a Republican. A Democrat like Bill Clinton has to contend with the fragments of his party who still think that inflation is good for the poor and bad for the rich. The experience of the past two decades has massively demonstrated the opposite, but not evervone has vet got the message. You will hear plenty of cries for candidates committed to pushing single-mindedly for low interest rates.

President Clinton now has two seats on the board to fill -- his first nominations to the Federal Reserve, Wayne D. Angell's term has expired, and the board's vice chairman, David Mullins, has just announced his resignation. Mr. Mullins's reason for departing is interesting. He says that the board has slain the dragons he came to Washington to fight, and. with the economy apparently on a steady track toward greater prosperity, he has decided it is time to leave.

The inflation rate is down to 3 percent a year. Short-term interest rates — the only rates the Federal Reserve can control directly --- are at the same level or a little less, meaning that in real terms, adjusted for inflation, most savers are actually paying the banks where they keep their money. The board's chairman,

Alan Greenspan, has been musing in public that at some point in the unspecified future it may be necessary to raise rates (did anyone ever doubt it?) to keep the threat of inflation

away. There are some serious votes ahead.
What Mr. Clinton needs is a couple of candidates who have fully absorbed the lessons of the 1970s and the 1980s. Economists used to think there was a trade-off between unemployment and inflation, in which raising one would reliably lower the other. In the 1970s they discovered that the trade-off is a mirage, and inflation, once let loose, devours jobs. In the following decade they discovered that the process of bringing inflation back down is exceedingly slow, painful and costly.

Since 1979, first under Paul Volcker and now under Mr. Greenspan, the Federal Reserve has provided strong and skillful mone-tary management. While two new appointments will not formally change the direction of a seven-member board, Mr. Clinton's choices will be highly influential indications of presidential intention. The vacant seats at the Federal Reserve give him an opportunity to reaffirm the careful and pragmatic style of economic policy that is now serving him and the country exceedingly well.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.



And So It Continues in Sarajevo, Death by Death

SARAJEVO — Those of us who live in Saraje-vo have seen nothing more absurd during the course of this disgusting war than the incessant flights of NATO's awesome warplanes as they cruise over our city. We have watched them now for months, and our feelings have turned from curiosity and hope — when we first heard their thundering voices over Bosnia - to cynicism.

We joke like kids about how the few panes of glass left in the window frames here tremble when these powerful machines plunge down from the heavens to buzz over our heads. A couple of days ago. I watched an old woman

drag a branch from one of our few remaining trees. After the deafening roar of the Phantoms, or whatever they are called, had passed, she waved scornfully toward the sky and shouted: "Go back home, you cowards, and bother your own mothers! Shake your own mothers' windows!" We are spending our last reserves of hope in an

effort to survive until the final act draws to a close. Even those who had been considered brave and optimistic, who refused to scurry in fear across the street but continued to stride nonchalantly, are now hanging on by a thread.

The futile precautions we all go through — calculating where the next shell will fall, guessing which streets are safe to walk, listening carefully

for the whistling of passing shells — have brought even yesterday's heroes to ruins. In just the last few weeks, shrapnel has found its way to a child asleep in bed, a young woman setting the table for her first wedding anniversaBy Zlatko Dizdarevic

ry, an old man alone in his kitchen drinking tea, an entire family of six. And so it continues, word by word, story by story, death by death. Near the grave of my father, whom I buried on Jan. 10, 56 new graves appeared within three days.

My lather and I were together the day before he died. As if he sensed he was about to depart, he told me of his three unfulfillable wishes: that he would see his grandchildren again; that he would see his birthplace, Mostar, again; and that

he would play his violin again.

The violin had been demolished a few days earlier when a shell exploded nearby. But at least I know where his grave is, and with my friends I was able to bury him. My father was lucky enough to die of "natural causes." Sarajevo's Jews have steadily been leaving the

city. There have been Jews here for 500 years; this has been their bome, and they have had as much right to it as anyone else. They are being driven out by officials in Belgrade and Zagreb. These men are well aware that if all the Jews depart it would signal the destruction of one of the four pillars upon which Sarajevo has stood, one of the communities that has given the city its flavor, along with those of Muslim, Serbian and Croatian descent. Then it would be easier to destroy the three that remain. And then the two. And finally, the last pillar propping up civil humanity, tolerance and cosmopolitan life will fall.

Until that moment, Sarajevo will do its best to continue as it always has.

A group of our soccer players had a parting match with some United Nations troops who are being sent back home. They have been here too long and have begun to understand all too well what is going on m our city, so replacements are being shipped in — confused new recruits who think that "all three sides" are equally to blame for this madness and that this is a civil war rather than genocide. The Sarajevan players felt lousy about the likelihood of trouncing the UN soccer team in their last match, even though they had always won

lopsided games before, so the game ended in a tie.
All of us Sarajevans are fully sated with things as they are. Our lives, humanitarian aid, planes booming overhead, it's all fine by us. It's the world out there, beyond our walls, that is less than inspiring. That is why we are satisfied to remain in Sarajevo, our city that we refuse to abandon. We don't hate you, those of you outside Sarajevo. We just take pity on those of you who have accepted this latest form of totalitarianism that lays a civilization to waste

Most likely, in Sarajevo we shall die together and in love. The fascists will die alone and in hatred. This is no small difference.

The writer is an editor at Oslobodjenje, Sarajevo's daily newspaper and author of "Sarajevo: A War Journal." This comment was translated from the Serbo-Croatian by Ammiel Alcalay for The

Free to Come and Speak

Gerry Adams is no hero. The Belfast Catholic, who is the leader of Sinn Fein, the political arm of the Irish Republican Army, was granted a visa to enter the United States for 48 hours to attend a peace conference and do some speaking. The granting of a visa, after eight earlier denials, does not confer an honor, endorse IRA violence or indicate any change in U.S. policy encouraging a peaceful solution to the Irish troubles. But it does say something about America and its new leadership that is commendable, namely that American borders are open to visitors who come to speak and not terrorize, even when the views expressed are likely to enrage and scandalize.

Mr. Adams is careful to emphasize the distinction between the IRA and his political party, although the two are clearly intertwined. He was, for a time, an elected member of the British Parliament, and although as a matter of principle he refused to sit at Westminster, he wants to be seen as a man who shares the goals of the IRA but works through the political system. Although he has not renounced violence in the terms that leaders in Britain and the Irish Republic have urged. he has made statements in connection with his visa application that suggest a move in the right direction. Moreover, he has for some time been engaged in secret negotiations with the

British, now apparently at an impasse, working toward an agreement that would end violence and establish a peaceful working relationship among the warring factions in Ulster.

In Britain and Northern Ireland, neither Mr. Adams nor anyone connected with the IRA is allowed to be heard on radio or television. It is impossible to imagine such censorship of any participant in a conflict of such overriding importance in the United States. Many Americans, including most of the Irish-American politicians who urged the president to grant a visa, have the same view of the IRA as do the British. But in America there is no prohibition on debate about public issues. and there should be no denial of visas to quash speech, either.

Perhaps Mr. Adams will be challenged and chastened by television and radio interviewers who are free to confront him as they would not be able to do on his own turf. And perhaps he will be encouraged by the Irish-American community, whose support he seeks, to get on with making peace. But whatever the outcome of this trip, it is right that it was allowed, not for the sake of the IRA or Sinn Fein but for the sake of Americans who believe that free speech is an unassailable good and are practiced in listening to and sorting out all the players in a complicated game.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Post-Communist Russia Isn't a Docile Guinea Pig

D AVOS, Switzerland — The road show performance of Russia's reform debate just concluded at the 1994 World Economic Forum in Daos proved more nuanced, and the outcome less transparent, than some accounts have made out.

The Western-trained, market-oriented reformers got a far more symprime minister. Viktor Chemomyrdin who had come to answer them and also the criticisms of former Western advisers to the Yeltsin govemment who have left Moscow and were also present in Dayos.

The reformers accuse their rivals of "economic coup d'état." and say that the new government's programs will install hyperinflation by midsummer. Mr. Chernomyrdin denied this, saying that Russia must be stabilized but must also continue economic reforms. He said the country cannot turn back, but also cannot slavishly copy a Western model which rests on assumptions irrelevant to Russian conditions today. "We will look after ourselves," he said. He warned, ominously, "Don't look down on Russia."

By William Pfaff

Mr. Chernomyrdin's speech on Sunday was understandably defen-sive. The Western press interpretation of the Russian reform struggle, and the reactions of the business and political leadership gathered in Da-vos, all but unanimously have held if not perverse, and the young reform leaders — Yegor Gaidar, considered the architect of the previous reform policy, and Boris Fyodorov, former

finance minister — clearly right.

Another young Russian present, a
new entrepreneur, remarked to me that neither Mr. Gaidar nor Mr. Fyodorov had ever before run anything beyond an academic or banking seminar. The policies they have tried to apply in recent months are those of the Western academic consensus, and also reflect what Western businessmen believe. They rest on the conviction that radical privatization of state enterprises (whatever the cost in bankruptcies and unemployment), a total opening to market forces and tight monetary controls are the only

way for Russia to construct an econo-

my that works and will be able to compete internationally.

The argument against those poli-

cies is the practical one that they already have produced politically dangerous conditions, with increasing poverty and wealth discrepancies, tive results to date are inconclusive. A defender of those policies says on the other hand, that in today's Russia it is "easy to make money

you are clever — you can make a killing easier than anywhere else." He seemed to think this the right line to take with potential foreign investors, but it is an approach to privatization and the market which as an obvious connection to the fact that most new Russian private enterprise today is wholly or partially criminal — which is not what foreign investors like to hear.

Marshall Goldman of the Russian Research Center at Harvard Univer-sity estimates that the Russian malia now has a hand in 70 to 80 percent of

The reformers' case against the

new Chernomyrdin government is that it is made up of people from the Gorbachev era who don't understand a free economy. They allegedly do not understand the importance of monetary policy and the struggle for sound money. They only understand production. The reformers say the new government lacks the political ductive industries.

Mr. Chemomyrdin replies that the country needs production, and needs stabilization and employment. His policy amounts to managed change
— industrial policy, in the language
of the Western economic debate. His critics say this cannot work because it

distorts the working of the market.

The uncomfortable thing about this is that a Western theoretical debate, far from settled in the West itself, is being acted out experimentally in Russia. The case for total faith in market

decisions, and subordination of all social considerations to economic rationality, has only in the last decade or so become conventionally accepted among professional economists and by mainstream Western politi-cians and journalists. As recently as the 1970s, these were controversial ideas, while state industrial policies, managed trade and Keynesian mone-tary policy were all widely defended and practiced.

While the debate over what Russia should do was going on in Davos, in other meetings businessmen and economists were arguing over whether the Western countries should, or can, continue to accept current levels of unemplayment in the name of perceived economic rationality, in a world labor market which pits unprotected work forces or even slave labor against workers in the developed countries.

The West has been advising Russia on the basis of ideas about unchecked market forces which it continues itself to question. This is a dangerous situation and has invited the nationalistic reaction that took place in December. The time clearly has arrived for the Russians to work their way through these matters without foreign interference, however well-intentioned. International Herald Tribute.

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For Peace In the Seas Of China

By Mark J. Valencia

HONOLULU — By opening parts of the East China Sea to bidding by foreign oil companies, Beijing has raised the economic and political stakes in the region. China's assertion of sovereignty over the continental shelf and the resources beneath it clashes with claims by Japan, South Korea and Taiwan to parts of the area. China has already made its neighbors nervous by its assertiveness in

disputed maritime areas Under a new law, China claims the Diaoyutai Islands, northeast of Taiwan. Foreign military vessels now require permission to enter the surrounding waters, and Beijing has granted itself the right to evict those it says trouble the peace.

Chinese warships have fired on Japanese cargo vessels near the Diaoyutais. Japan also claims these five uninhabited specks of land, which it calls the Senkakus. Possession would confer title to about sion would confer title to about 21,650 square kilometers (8,500 square miles) of the continental shelf.

China has awarded a South China Sea concession to a U.S. company on part of the continental shelf claimed by Vietnam. Lest there be any ques-tions about it. Beijing made a show of

landing troops on a nearby atoll.

China has also obstinately pursued a claim to the Spratly Islands in the South China Sea. Taiwan, Vietnam, Malaysia, the Philippines and Brunei claim parts of the Spratlys.

Meanwhile, sew offshore areas at least those in ice-free latitudes near large markets - have the potential for oil and gas finds that the East China Sea does. The new blocks in that sea being offered by Beijing slightly overlap a line equidistant with South Korea and Japan. The northern block overlaps South Korea's claimed shelf in two areas that have potential oil and gas

structures; the southern block ap-parently overlaps with an area held by JAPEX, the Japanese state oil exploration company. More troubling is the major over-lap of both Chinese blocks with Taiwan's concession system. Of course, both Taipei and Beijing claim juris-diction over all of China. But while the lines of their de facto territorial

control are clear, jurisdiction and control over the seabed are not. China's offer for bidding on areas idjacent to Taiwan raises questions of who controls the maritime areas, and it challenges the modus vivendi between Beijing and Taipei. Although Tokyo has said it will only discuss the Diaoyutais, or Senkakus, with Beijing. Taiwan's proximity to the islands and the overlapping of claims make it a significant player in the dispute. To resolve the continental shelf

problem. China proposes the creation of joint development zones. It says questions of sovereignty should there should be joint exploration and development of oil or gas found in

areas of overlapping claims.

China and South Korea are discussing joint development in the Yel-low Sea. Japan and South Korea have undertaken a similar program in the northern East China Sea, although both Beijing and Taipei have objected because they were left out. China has asked Japan to cooperate in ex-ploration and development of oil in the East China Sea and is encouraging Taiwan to join.

Another maritime disoute seems likely, however. Poaching and piracy in the East China Sea have combine to force Beijing to consider declaring a 200 nautical mile Exclusive Economic Zone. The recent detention by Chinese authorities of a Russian fishing factory ship in the East China Sea, and Rus-sia's strong protest, have underlined the touchiness involved in deciding who owns the fish there. Were Beijing to declare an exclusion zone, it might raise the question of which China rules those seas, and exacerbate problems with Vietnam as well.

The issue could be finessed by something like the joint development concept. China, Japan and South Korea could agree to ad hoc cooperation to prevent piracy and poaching in areas of overlap.
China and Japan are consulting on

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ways to enhance security in the East China Sea. China and South Korea have agreed to cooperate in combating marine pollution in the area. Such ad hoc solutions are one way

to avoid the consequences of formally declaring exclusion zones while preventing pirates and poachers.

The writer, a member of the program on international economics and politics at the East-West Center in Honolulu, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: Catholic Victories

PARIS - The Austrian Catholic party, with the support of the Anti-Semitists, by degrees have regained all the advantages of which they were de-prived by the signing of the Concor-dat. The chief victory has been gained in the schools. Within a year the clergy have succeeded in restoring the crucifix in the schoolrooms, revived compulsory communion and established the saying of the Pater, Ave and Credo at the beginning and end of school hours. As long as the Clericals only win triumphs on religious ground no harm is done. But it is to be feared that they will meddle with politics.

1919: U.S. Guardians

PARIS -- Europe is not going to release America from the obligation of physically participating in the so-called mandatory system which it is now agreed will be applied in principle to all extra-European territory. America may shudder at the pro-

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spects of guardianship of the Near East, but her protestations are not going to relieve her of entire responsiblity if Allied diplomatic insistence means anything. The British particularly look to this one radical, permaaent departure in our foreign policy as the greatest single, conclusive proof that we meant what we said about the League of Nations.

1944: Russian Progress LONDON -- [From our New York

edition:) The Russians have smashed across the old Estonian border near the mouth of the Narva River, capturing more than forty towns on the approaches to Narva Moscow announced today [Feb. 3]. One Soviet spearhead reached the town of Venkule, five miles across the pre-war frontier. Russians, celebrating the anniversary of the German defeat at Stalingrad, now 800 miles behind the battleline, could see the Red Army developing a new pincers attack such as that which doorned the 6th Army.

Other Comment

The Hosokawa Difference

Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa is sull on course in his campaign to lead Japan into a new political era. His victory in securing significant political reform signals a changing Japan that may at long last put consumer interests ahead of Japan Inc. Should that shift occur. Tokyo will find it a popular and pragmatic move, and not just in Japan.

After more than five years of seemingly endless debate over political reform, parliament finally passed a reform package last Saturday. It is short of the sweeping initiative Mr. Hosokawa sought at first, but it overhauls Januan's electoral system and puts new limits on political donations.

Mr. Hosokawa's reformist efforts extend well beyond these changes. His coalition government virtually has upended the traditional style of Japanese politics, back-room dealings and party alliances. Voters are being listened to, and the public prosecutor's

office is aggressively rooting out corruption. Mr. Hosokawa now turns to economic problems at home and to stalemated U.S.-

Japan trade talks.
Will the reformist Hosokawa make any difference in U.S.-Japan trade negotiations? In public, he has taken a less than conciliatory tone on the basic points of disagreement. But during his few months in office Japan has agreed to open its rice market to imports and to increase foreign access to public work projects. Both will benefit U.S. pusinesses. The next step is to push Japan's bureaucrats to reduce the \$50 billion trade

imbalance with the United States. Still, when Mr. Hosokawa arrives in Washington for his Feb. 11 meeting with President Bill Clinton, he must be bearing more than the traditional "gifts" of a tax cut and vague trade promises. That was pro forma for old Japan. His new Japan must deliver substantive com-

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Time for a Switch to Public Transport

WASHINGTON — After San Franciso's 1989 earthquake, the rapid transit system shut down for one hour. It is four years and

counting for the damaged freeways. The two-level Embarcadero Freeway, which barncaded downtown from the bay, was not repaired but replaced by a street-level boulevard with a trolley line. Together, the street and trolley carry as much traffic as did the freeway.

Opening up the waterfront has sparked a real estate boom.

Los Angeles would do well to ponder its northern neighbor's expe-rience, good and bad. Not only does it need a transportation system able to withstand a much stronger quake than the one of Jan. 17, it also now has one of those rare postwar mo-ments to rethink its infrastructure. Heaven knows, no American city

needs it more. By 2010, average speed on its ever expanding freeways is projected to drop to 11 miles (18 kilometers) per hour. Los Angeles is living proof. if only Americans could open their eyes and see it, that there will never be enough dollars to meet transportation needs by only, or mostly, building roads. New roads generate new traffic. The new traffic grows

faster than new roads can be built. This is no recent insight. Planners debated it in the 1930s as bridge after bridge was built into Manhattan, and each became as congested as the one before. Senator Duniel Patrick Moynihan described it brilliantly in a prescient piece entitled "New Roads and Urban Chaos" written 34 years ago.

urhan highway capacity has risen by 4 percent. Road use has nearly doubled. The resulting congestion costs \$100 billion a year. What does it take to try something different? Perhaps an earthquake. In the 1940s, Los Angeles was robbed of one of the world's best

electric rail systems, a sprawling

For the past 20 years in America,

By Jessica Mathews

network of quiet, pollution-free trains that carried 80 million people a year. It was bought up and scrapped by American City Lines, a front financed by General Motors and Standard Oil of California, to make way for GM buses fueled by Standard Oil diesel fuel, Soon the buses gave way to cars, but some of the abandoned rail lines still exist. One runs parallel to America's busiest road, the downed Santa Monica Freeway. Light rail service could be quickly brought back.

The public utility commission could open access to private jitney companies like the already popular Super Shuttle. And the city's new commuter rail service can be expanded with new track, new feeder uses and unused freight lines. Revolutionary possibilities are in

the offing. Chicago is testing a rapid transit system that bears watching. Three-passenger cars are designed to zip along at 30 miles per hour on raised truck that can carry as much traffic as a multilane highway. No operators are needed for this 24-hour-a-day service. The cars wait at the station instead of passengers. There are no stops - service is direct because stations are off the track. The anticipated construction cost is a fraction of that for heavy rail systems. Speed, safety, energy efficiency, immediate

service and privacy — on paper, at least, a commuter's dream.

Many of these options could shorten Los Angeles's communing nightmare and cut its economic losses while the roads are rebuilt. But when the roads are reopened, will the passengers disappear? The answer depends on money.

Americans are not irrationally car-crazed. They seem wedded to the automobile because policy after government policy — many of them involving heavy subsidies — en-

courages them to be. The gas tax and the other charges that drivers pay cover less than two-thirds of the cost of building and maintain-ing roads. These and other costs not borne by drivers - including taxsubsidized parking; health and en-vironmental costs of auto-generaled pollution; a share of military costs in the Middle East; the loss in property values from noise etc.— amount to something in the neigh-borhood of \$300 billion a year, a staggering 5 percent of GNP.

On a more personal scale, it has been estimated that drivers going alone to work in major, downtown business districts pay only 25 per-cent of the cost of their commute. No wonder people like it.

If automobile use bore even a healthy share of its full costs, public and household funds would be spent quite differently. Choices would not be between well-funded roads, fragments of a transit system and practically nothing else. The options would include high-speed intercity rail, convenient transit (including new types that could serve suburbs). walking or biking in hospitable surroundings, and, as a consequence of these alternatives, congestion-free auto travel that served convenience instead of ruling people's lives.

American consumers spend more

on transportation than on anything but housing. The mystery is why the country has doggedly pursued the same self-defeating policy — feed autos, starve the alternatives — no matter what the cost in pollution, oil imports, immobility for the young and the old, and consumption of land for parking and roads that lead back to the same traffic jams. There is a different future out there. Los Angeles could be the

place to begin. The writer is a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, She contributed this comment to The Washington Post

OPINION

A Flight From Real Discussion

WASHINGTON — Something is going wrong in the opinion-production business. It is not just that there is a difference between honest debate and the mvvoice-is-louder-than-yours schoolyard stuff that often passes for it.

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The problem is that increasingly. no distinctions are being made between opinions and facts, and between sound arguments and those that merely sound good. Slowly, the crucial distinction between what is true and what is not gets lost.

This issue was raised powerfully last week in a New York Times essay by Michiko Kakutani. The danger she sees is that of "a completely relativistic universe in which all theories — however reprehensible or preposterous - must be accorded respect, a universe in which truths are replaced by opinions."

Her point has huge implications. The most obvious evidence of the problem she describes is the re-placement of the phrase "I think" with "I feel." You hear people say things like, "I feel comfortable (or uncomfortable) with Clinton," rather than, "I think Clinton is right (or wrong). There is no obligation on the person who makes the first statement to defend it. Who can argue about someone else's feelings?

Another sign of the flight from real discussion is the pretense that giving something a label explains everything important about it.

Representative Jim Cooper, a Tennessee Democrat, has gotten much attention for his health plan because he has won it the label "centrist." His is a serious proposal. But you usually do not hear much about it. Instead, you hear variants on the theme that "Cooper's plan is gaining popularity because it's closer to the center, because it's more moderate, than the president's proposal."

But the words "centrist" and "moderate" tell nothing about how Mr. Cooper's plan would affect an average citizen compared with other

proposals or doing nothing at all.

Then there is the ploy of evading substance by attacking motives. Senator Phil Gramm seems really to believe that small government and free markets are almost always pinge on markets. That is why he is what is true and what is rational. If is based on a "U.S. intelligence

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arts criticism.

By E. J. Dionne Jr.

Republican's adversaries to attack him as an apologist for the rich, as indifferent to the poor, or as an ambitious politician who will say anything to be president. It is a sure

way to avoid serious discussion. From Mr. Gramm's friends on the right comes an equally evasive attack: that the president and Mrs. Clinton are not really motivated by a concern for getting health insurance for those who have none. What drives them, in the rightists' view, is a desire to expand government's role. Why? Because they belong to a "new class" of lawyers and other government junkies who just hate business and love to build new bureaucracies for their 60s

dealing with the issue of what is wrong with the health system. The principle that all opinions have equal value has been especially damaging to debates about race and gender. For some advocates of "multiculturalism," merely being a member of a group described as oppressed is enough to give a per-

friends to staff. This is a nifty argu-

ment for critics of the Clinton

health plan, since it lets them avoid

son's statement legitimacy.

The right often replies in kind. Try to argue that racism and sexism are real problems, and you will find conservatives ready to dismiss you for being "politically correct" and, therefore, stupid. The notion is that anyone who worries about unfairness or inequality is merely pandering to some group or other. Once the right labels an idea "PC." it becomes as undebatable as a thought associated with "dead

white males" by multicultural types. We in journalism have our own way of getting around the hard issues. It involves highlighting tactics. The big issue after the president's State of the Union speech was whether he was wise to threaten to veto any health plan that did not provide coverage for everyone. But little of the discussion centered on whether universal coverage itself be Aristotle. But public debates are useless absent some concern with

als" or "Latinos" - then they have no obligation to learn anything from anyone they disagree with. Think of it this way: In 10 years.

it will matter to Americans whether Mr. Clinton or Mr. Cooper or Mr. Gramm or someone else had the better understanding of the health-care problem and how to fix it. Their strategy or positioning. how they defenders looked on the talk shows, and whether they were "politically correct," "centrist" or "populist" will no longer matter. Especially in the coming health dehate, what is true and what is not really does matter.

The Washington Post.



result of poor safety measures by

race organizers or simply a freak accident, it should not be blamed

on the International Ski Federa-

Ulrike Maier will be remem-

bered as a skier who took risks and

accepted their rewards. She will be

missed - at the Olympics in Lille-

MICHAEL HIRSCH.

hammer, and for years to come.

Read It While It's Hot

(Features, Jan. 25):

his white gloves.

Regarding "The Eternal Butler

The article about the training of

the English butler missed a more important reason for the ironing of

the newspaper. This did indeed re-

move creases, but its vital function

was to dry the printer's ink, which

otherwise would attach itself to the

master's hands, or, worse still, to

Tourrettes-sur-Loup, France.

DAVID F. ROBSON.

tion as a whole.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ligence gathering," I learned much from the hundreds of Ukrainians I

met or brushed elbows with. Any

"ethnic problems" I saw were

mostly in the minds of visitors. The

Ukrainians and Russians I saw

another. I witnessed many situa-

tions in buses, trains, stores and

offices that might have turned vio-lent in American or West Europe-

an cities, but which Ukrainians

handled in a mature, compromis

SETH I. ARONIE.

Pierrerue, France.

ing, often humorous way.

An Alpine Tragedy

As an avid skier and former rac-

er, I have been in shock since

watching the tragic and fatal acci-dent involving Ulrike Maier, one

of Alpine skiing's best. Although

downhill racing is extremely dan-

gerous, fatal accidents have been

rare. Whether what happened at

Garmisch-Partenkirchen was the

were quite comfortable with one

Russia: One-Way Ticket

The slowing of the Russian market-reform train does not mean the end of the railroad. It is inconceivable that Russia would return to the economic policies of Stalin and his Communist successors.

State ownership of basic industries, with a gradual move toward privatization, has met with success in the former East Germany and now Poland; the other East European countries are close behind. The "shock therapy" approach clearly was too abrupt; in retro-

the Gorbachev approach was not far off the mark. And consider China. It remains a Communist country but, moving at its own pace, it has allowed an invasion of Western and Asian capital, bringing a bonanza to the

country and the foreign investors. So let us give the Russian gov-ernment time to address the immediate requirements of ordinary people, many of whom have not been paid in months and who cannot afford to buy basic needs.

WILLIAM C. BALLIN.

The Ukraine I Saw

I just read the report "Dire U.S. was a wise goal. Journalists and talk Forecast for Ukraine Conflict show guests are not called upon to (Jan. 26) for the fifth time. As an American just back from a year in Ukraine, I found the article, which

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A Blank Screen Would Be Better

ATLANTA — "In my field of psychology, there's a lot of ambiguity." Arnold Goldstein concedes. "But after a while, there's anomaly agreement to country the state of the state there's enough research to say we have a fact." And this, he says, is a fact: Television violence begets real-world violence.

Mr. Goldstein, director of the Center for Research on Aggression at Syracuse University in New York, was in Atlanta as the featured consultant at a two-day conference on school violence. He has made a sideline of instructing professionals - this time members of the National Association of School Psychologists - in ways of reducing violence. His books on teaching social skills to anti-social youth -"skill streaming." he calls it are widely respected.

But he believes his work would be much easier if television were

not so aggressively violent. "There's just no question of the effect of television," he told me. "Literally hundreds of studies all point to this conclusion. The only people who seriously question the - like the tobacco industry questioning the link between cigarette smoking and cancer — are the TV people themselves, and even many of them are coming around."

Mr. Goldstein lists three major categories of effects: the aggression effect, the victim effect and the bystander effect.

The first includes so-called copycat violence. "There are 188 separate studies, involving 244,000 viewers, showing that a substantial number of viewers will become more aggressive, more violent after watching violent TV shows. Younger children are affected more than older ones, boys more than girls. In terms of types of show, the violently erotic are the worst."

He said studies show that there

when the script tries to justify the violence, or rewards it, when howto specifies are offered, and when it is shown as being relatively painless, or when victims are shown quickly recovering. The "victim effect" principally

involves an "increased level of fearfulness about the world in general." Mr. Goldstein said.

What troubles me most.

though, is the bystander effect -MEANWHILE

you know, the Kitty Genovese syndrome. Televised violence increases the degree of callousness and indifference to actual violence. People who watch TV violence become less helping toward the victims of violence and display more tolerance for higher and higher levels of aggression."

Most of us know, or strongly suspected, what Mr. Goldstein's analysis confirms. Television knows it too. The question is what to do about it.

For Mr. Goldstein the answer is something short of official censorship but "something beyond the tips-to-parents advice - sitting with your children, talking about the violence, monitoring their viewing, that sort of thing." He doesn't know just what.

I don't, either.

The violence-content labeling recently adopted by the industry (following a major public outery and congressional hearings) is a help, but principally for at-home parents of small children. Older children, including "latchkey kids" who baby-sit themselves until their parents get home, won't

be bothered by the labels - except, perhaps, as a guide to which

are the really cool shows. Channel-blocking devices could help to keep children from watching, say, certain cable channels. But what busy parent would take the time to check each day's listing and block out specific shows - assuming it was clear which shows were objectionable and that there were machines capable of such blocking?

And who, in households where parents can't even tape tonight's "Jeopardy" show without help from the kids, would program those machines" ("O.K... Mom. I've got it set so it'll only get PBS and the Gospel Hour. You and Dad have a nice evening.") The violent influence cited by

Mr. Goldstein may be beyond the means of technology to control.

Indeed, it is hard to see what. within the confines of the First Amendment, might control it. The most frequently mentioned afternative is a boycott of sponsors of the worst-offending programs. But there are two problems with that. First, many cable shows (including some of the raunchiest and most gratuitously violent) are unsponsored. And second, the reason TV operators keep dishing up the stuff that is scaring us, numbing us and. ves, killing us is that they are privy to our dirty little secret:

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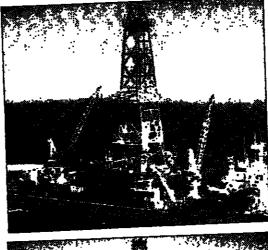
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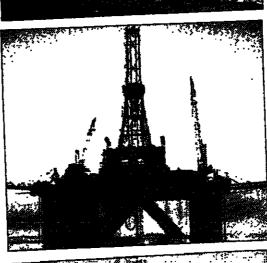
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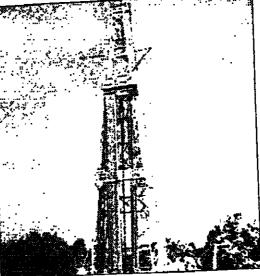
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BOOKS

By Joan Acocella • James Gastave Speth, admin-istrator of the United Nations De-Illustrated, 306 pages, \$27.50. Farrar, Straus & Giroux. Reviewed by John Rockwell

JOAN ACOCELLA has written a distinguished piece of criticism. It will be seized on by those Award in the United States. as about the slave trade." who think that Mark Morris is

velopment Program, is reading a son's Middle Passage, a 1990 winner of the National Book "It's a tale as much about today (Barry James, 1HT)

WHAT THEY RE READING



young (37 years old) and flamboyant dancer and choreographer is a critics' darling. But the mere fact ris" is an effort, and a brilliantly persuasive one, to explain why this big hairy guy from Seattle, with his story-dances and his 1960s lifestyle and his postmodernist stylistic clashes, appeals to the inherent cultural (and in some cases political) consequences of the that Morris could inspire a book as good as this is a credit to him as well as to Acocella, whose analysis is keen and generally free of the technical jargon that dogs so much Acocella was the chief dance cal) conservatism of some of the critic of the short-lived New York leading dance reviewers of the United States. They form less a magazine 7 Days and is now a dance writer for The Daily News as well as an occasional contributor to many other magazines. She is a great reader of subtexts and parser of artistic intentions; indeed, her book will provoke charges that she reads meanings into Morris's

random collection of writers than a band of disciples that looks back to Edwin Denby and up to Arlene Croce, the dance critic of The New Yorker and their acknowledged leader. This group shares a classi-cist, formalist bias, and for Acodances that he never dreamed were cella and her allies Morris is himthere. She is also an exponent of self a not-so-closet classicist, concerned with form, respectful of aw-shucks plainness à l'Améri-There is a doggy side to tradition, infused with music and came: "There is a doggy side to love"; "things go pow." In passing, she also offers a deft analysis of the rifts within the American critic community. committed to universal values. ican dance critic community.

All of this is expounded with great thoughtfulness, deftly blending biography, dance history, backstage detail and critical analysis.

Acocella's organization is very clever estring the corne leging out Monthly and Control of the C through which there has been no more jagged fault line than Mark Morris. His detractors see him as er, setting the scene, laying out Morerratic, self-indulgent, campy and ris's youth, switching to chapters on various themes and issues in his overliteral in his treatment of music and narrative. Most of all, whatever dances, then picking up the narra-tive for his turnultuous and his his gifts, they see him as overpraised. evolving company's three years (1988 to 1991) at the Theatre Royal Acocella addresses these charges in her book but maintains that Morris is a great moralist and humanist. de la Monnaie in Brussels. At the a heroic explorer of dialectical oppoend she brings us up to the present, with Morris living off his MacAr-thur Foundation fellowship and inates who struggles to achieve a higher synthesis (not that she actually evokes Hegel or pays more than vesting his fees and royalties in his passing heed to Wagner, whose mocompany, which is now based in

tivic composition exactly parallels her subject's). Above all, while less a New York City.
What is especially impressive in
Acocella's book is how everything creator of heretofore unimagined movement than an omnivorous rein it supports everything else; there cycler, Morris remains for her the is no waste. Biographical informaholdest and most fecund choreogration contributes to analytical inmer or ms generation. — Mark Morsight Particular dances are dis-York Times.

cussed in themselves, but also in relation to larger themes in Morris's work and times: his spirituality and simultaneous celebration of the body; his preference for the love of community over heterosexual monogamy as idealized in the balletic pas de deux; his unusual involvement with text, narrative and the inner workings of music.

The author maintains a tempered tone, a prevailing judicious adoration that only occasionally breaks into outright rapture. Her study, lavishly illustrated and with a detailed chronology of Morris's work, is impressive on its own classicist terms and equally convincing for those who do not fully partake of this critical bias.

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Of course, one could quibble.

There is, for example, too little attention to the works Accella concedes are failures, and 100 great an emphasis, in this age of dance nota-tion and video, on the ephemerality of choreography. One could fault occasional slips in musical termin-ology (her use of the word "ca-dence" is correct as English but dence" is correct as English but misleading in a musical context) and some vacuous pontification ("All art is concerned with the rela-

nons of things").
But one feels almost embarrassed mentioning such specks. "Mark Morris" is a book that clarifies dances you've seen and makes you want to see those you haven't. It's as warm and wise as Joan Acocella would like us to believe Morris is himself. And, thanks to her, we do.

John Rockwell is the European cultural correspondent of The New

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott HE major event of the Greater I New York Bridge Association's Winter Regional Championships at the Sheraton New York hotel ended in January in a victory for Mitchell Hofing and Peter Bambrick, both of Manhattan, and Bob Gwirtzman of Brooklyn and Ed Swartz of Woodbridge, Connecticul. They led the two-day Swiss team Championships from

pher of his generation.

When both major suits offer a 5wire to wire. 3 fit, choosing between them may involve a little lack. One would normally wish for a ruff to come in the short trump hand, but that was not true on the diagramed deal from the two-day Swiss final. In one room Hofing and Swartz played the North-South cards in trick and a trick in each minor suit. lenging them for the title.

scored by cashing the ace and the queen and taking a marked finesse against the jack.

hearts and the lead was the club queen. Gwirtzman as West shifted to the diamond king and continued the suit when he was permitted to win. South was not fooled: he put up dummy's ace and tried a spade to the jack. But when this lost to the queen, West reverted to clubs, forcing dummy to ruff. South could no longer uncover the bad urump break and deal with it, and he failed by a trick after playing for normal splits in the major suits.

The moral of this is a singularly unhelpful one: always avoid the trump suit that is due to break badly. The Hofing team gained 10 played the North-South carts in imps against a team that was challour spades and lost a one trump

Eventually five heart tricks were In the replay South played four

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HEALTH / SCIENCE

What Should You Worry About? Probably Not What You Think

By Daniel Goleman New York Times Service

EW YORK - The list of worrisome risks seems to extend on and on like a litany of plagues — earthonakes, fires. hurricanes, asbestos in the schools, rzone depletion, bacteria in drinking water, salmonella in poultry, toxins in fish — to name but a few that have spawned anxieties of late.

Too often, psychologists say, people's wor-ries about a given risk are out of proportion, with the fear either far greater than the actual danger or, occasionally, less. Now studies are showing that these skews in perception follow psychological reasons that can explain why one risk is exaggerated in people's minds while another is played down.

These findings on the mismatch between actual and perceived risk are of special interest to public health and environmental officials who, in

trying to reach people more effectively with helpful information about hazards, have turned Decision Research, a consulting firm in Euto psychologists to fine-tune their messages.

Late last summer, many New York City parents were distressed to hear that in some public schools asbestos was flaking and exposed, in response to their fears, the beginning of the school year was delayed, even though health officials explained that the risk of dying from exposure to asbestos was less than the likelihood of getting hit by lightning and that the children were probably at greater risk from playing in the streets during the weeks schools were closed to fix the asbestos.

There are often large discrepancies between the risks experts worried about and those lay people were most concerned about," said Dr. Baruch Fischoff, a psychologist at Carnegie-Mellon University who is a leader in the study of risk perception. "We've tried to unravel the bases for these disagreements."

In a classic study, Dr. Paul Slovic, director of gene, Oregon, compared the responses from two groups, 15 national experts on risk assessment and 40 members of the League of Women Voters, on the relative risks of 30 activities and technologies, and found striking disparities. While the league members rated nuclear power as the greatest risk, the experts ranked it 20th; while the experts put X-rays at No. 7, the league members ranked it 22d.

The perception of a given risk, from exposure to asbestos or toxic waste, is amplified by what psychologists call "outrage factors," which can make people feel that even small risks are unacceptable, according to an article by Dr. Abraham Wandersman, a psychologist at the University of South Carolina, and Dr. William Hallman, a psychologist at Putters of Police Hallman, a psychologist at Rutgers, that ap-peared last year in the journal American Psy-chologist. Other factors determining perception

studies, and include these:

· Risks that are imposed loom larger than those that are voluntary. People will accept the risk from skiing, for example, but not from food preservatives, even though the potential for injury or ill health from skiing is roughly 1,000 times that from preservatives, according to a 1987 article in the journal Science by Dr. Slovic.

 Risks that seem unfairly shared are also seen as more hazardous. "If I'm not getting anything from it, while other people benefit, a risk is more objectionable," Dr. Fischoff said.

· Risks that people can take steps to control are more acceptable than those they feel are beyond their control. What you choose to eat is under your control, but what's in your drinking water is not." Dr. Slovic said.

• Natural risks are less threatening than

 Risks that are associated with catastrophes are especially frightening; the accident at Bhopal, India, amplified people's fears of chemical plants, just as the recent carthquake in Los Angeles has made people's fears of a repeat

· Risks from exotic technologies create more dread than do those involving familiar ones. A train wreck that takes many lives has less impact on people's trust of trains than would a smaller, hypothetical accident involving recombinant DNA, which might be "perceived as a harbinger of further, possibly catastrophic, mishaps," Dr. Slovic wrote in a 1991 article in Science.

"The greater the number and seriousness of these factors, the greater the likelihood of public concern about the risk, regardless of the scientific data," concluded a 1991 report by Dr. Caron Chess and colleagues at the Environmental Communication Research Program at the Cook College campus of Rutgers University.

dismiss such concerns as misguided, they stir anger and distrust, and advises that officials pay as much attention to these outrage factors to scientific findings on risk.

Health officials are often trustrated when people are casual about risks that are quite immediate for them. A study of hikers at parks in New Jersey known to have high counts of ticks carrying Lyme disease found, for example, that although 84 percent knew about a precauting although 85 percent knew about a precauting state of the sta tion they could take against getting the disease, only 43 percent took it.

"Why don't people take the precantion "Why don't people take the precantions?" asked Dr. Hallman, who did the study. "They discount them in their minds, telling you things like, "We're just going to be here for a little while," or that getting Lyme disease is just a matter of bad luck. They have a sense of fatalism."

Recurring Cycles, Thaw and Cold, Marked Ice Age

By Walter Sullivan

EW YORK - In a burst of new discoveries, climatologists are beginning to reconstruct a recurring cycle of events that changed the face of the world several times during the last great ice

age.

Each of the proposed new cycles seems to have included the buildup of a North American ice sheet whose central region was two miles thick; a series of warming fluctuations in the world's temperature. followed by the breakup of the ice sheet into armadas of icebergs that invaded the North Atlantic. These cycles occurred at least five times during the last ice age, which lasted 100,000 years and ended about

10,000 years ago.

In a picture that came together at a recent meeting of the American Geophysical Union, geologists and others reported finding many dif-ferent fingerprints of the cycles in both the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. One of the earliest ers of tiny stones in cores drilled through the ooze on the bottom of

the North Atlantic. The researcher, Hartmut Heinrich of the German Hydrographic Institute in Hamburg, had studied from a small area west of France. The same six layers occurred in most of them and were, he thought, dropped by armadas of icebergs from Canada. Before they broke off from the continental ice the icebergs had scraped up rocky debris from land beneath the ice. then deposited it as "dropstones

when melted over this spot. That icebergs sometimes drifted this far did not seem very remarkable, but now layers with identical composition and spacing have been found at a dozen sites spanning the Atlantic from Labrador to Europe. They testify to great armadas of icehergs that in intervals 5,000 to 10,000 years apart, invaded the ocean in vast numbers.

zone that presumably marks the drift path of the icebergs from the Labrador Sea southeast to the latitude of Portugal. Sea floor sampling north as well as south of that path has failed to show evidence of the "Heinrich events," as these ice-

herg invasions are now called.

The Heinrich events have turned out to occur in step with other ice of sudden warmings in climate, in-dicated by the ratio between two oxygen isotopes in the annual lavers of snow packed into the Green-

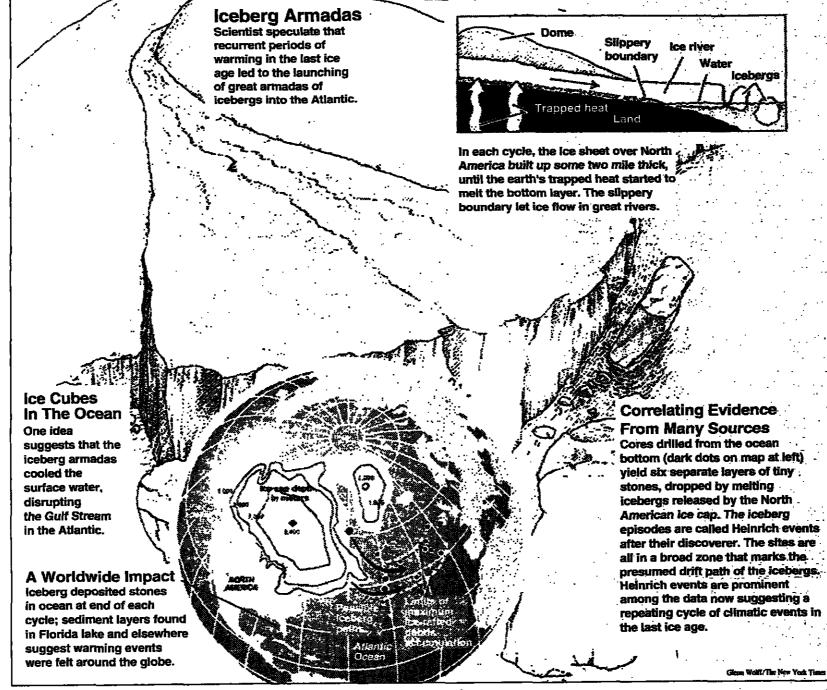
The ice core data have shown that every 500 to 2,000 years during the last ice age the climate appar-ently warmed abruptly, then gradually cooled back to full ice age con-

These warming phases have been named Dansguard-Oeschger events, after Dr. Willi Dansgaard of Denmark and Dr. Hans Oeschger of Switzerland, who helped identify them

That these events may have also have been felt in the antarctic has been reported by Dr. Todd Sowers clues to these great events came in of the Lamont-Doherty Earth Ob-1988 with the discovery of six lay-ers of tiny stones in cores drilled through the ooze on the bottom of University of Rhode Island. They believe they have found nine such sudden warmings in the temperature record preserved in ice extracted by the Russians from their deep 13 cores of bottom sediment ex- drill hole at Vostok. But efforts to tracted from under 13,000 feet date them have been imprecise be-(about 4,000 meters) of water cause the annual layers there are

> SECOND type of cyclic event was a series of warmings discovered by Dr. Gerard Bond and others at the Lamont observatory. Their ice age thermometer was a species of plankton that lives on the surface of the ocean and indicates temperature by its abundance. From the fossil skeletons of organisms buried in sediment on the floor of the North Atlantic, they identified a series of warmings that correspond remarkably closely with the Dansgaard-Oeschger warmings found in the Greenland

Dr. Bond noted that at the end of



each series of increasingly intense warmings there was a Heinrich event, the extensive release of icebergs into the Atlantic. One of his colleagues named these series Bond cycles, of which there seem to have been at least five during the last ice

In the current issue of Science, five American and French scientists warn against excessive reliance on oxygen isotopes in Greenland ice as clues to sudden warmings.

They said computer simulations showed that the abundance of those isotopes could have also been controlled by wind changes that suddenly brought in warm air from distant sources like the North Pa-

"Implications for future climate," they wrote, could only be assessed by understanding the combination of factors responsible for past sudden changes.

around the Bond cycles and the Heinrich events that terminate them. They seem to have been global phenomena, even though their cause and mechanism are far from

understood. Evidence of warming periods has now been found all over the globe, from sediment beneath a Florida lake to the glaciers of Chile and New Zealand and the sea floor sediment off Western

dicate that the cycle affected the Pacific as well as the North Atlan-

The report of effects on glaciers in southern Chile and the Southern Alps of New Zealand was widely discussed at the December meeting of the American Geophysical Union in the San Francisco. The findings had been made by Dr. George Denton of the University of Maine in Orono and a colleague, South America. These findings in- Dr. Thomas Rowell of the Univer-

sity of Cincinnati in Ohio. They found that glaciers there seemed to have advanced and retreated in synchrony with the Heinrich

The mechanisms that drove the mology company based in Philadel-global ice age cycles are a matter of phia, that blocks the molecule, continuing research. When they are the scientists' research over the understood they should give climstologists a new insight into operation of the world's climate system

IN BRIEF

Cancer Risk Minimai in Use of Hair Dye

WASHINGTON (AP) - Contrary to some earlier studies, hair dye causes almost no risk of lethal cancer, according to an American Cancer Society analysis of health data from more than a half-million

A study published in the Journal of the National Institute of Cancer showed that only a small fraction of women studied appeared to have an increased risk of lethal cancer from hair dye and that even for these women the risk of developing two uncommon cancers is small Dr. Michael J. Thun, an American Cancer Society physician in Atlanta and lead author of the study. said the conclusion was based on an analysis of data from 573,369 women enrolled in a cancer mortality study started in 1982 by the

American Cancer Society.

The only link of hair dye to fatal cancer came in 0.6 percent of the women who used black hair dye for 20 years or more. These won Dr. Thun said, had about a four times greater risk of developing non-Hodgkin's lymphoma or maitiple myeloma than women who did not use the dye.

Drug Shows Promise in Treating Arthritis

LONDON (Reuters) .- Two British scientists who won a key battle in the search for a cure for rheumatoid arthritis say a new drug has shown promise in a clinical

Professors Tiny Maini and March Feldmann of the Kennedy Institute of Rhemantology in Lon-don, said the test, published in the scientific journal Arthritis and Rheumatism, showed an impresmatoid arthritis, lasting three to five months, following two weeks of treatment with the drug, developed by a U.S. company.

place at Charing Cross Hospital on 20 long-time sufferers of rheumatoid arthritis. The new drug contains an agent called a monocional antibody, produced by genetic engineering at Centocor, a biotech-

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EW YORK - New genetic research has produced more evidence that the first people to settle America probably arrived from Asia as early as

By John Noble Wilford

New York Times Service

lating attacks on the traditional hypothesis holding that the migrations occurred about 12,000 years ago. In a study of linguistically related Indians in

Central America, the researchers developed an evolutionary time clock that they said should be more accurate than any in current use. Applied to 18 widely dispersed Indian groups, the clock showed that their common ancestors must have reached America 22,000 to 29,000 years ago. After scattering, they began evolving their current degree of genetic diversity, the researchers

The results were reported in The Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences by a research team led by Dr. Antonio Torroni, a geneticist at Emory University in Atlanta.

Such genetic reconstructions of evolutionary patterns are controversial, and the scientists acknowledged that the migration estimate "carries a large but indeterminate error." Still, they con-

New Clues on Migration to America cluded that the results favored an earlier-entry hypothesis for the initial American settlement.

Archaeologists agreed that the finding were powerful circumstantial evidence for earlier migrations. They noted that their excavations were turning up more clues of human occupa-tion well before 12,000 years ago. But these results have yet to be accepted as authentic.
"It's fascinating stuff," Dr. David Meltzer;

an archaeologist at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, said of the new genetic research. "Ultimately, though, the solution is going to have to come from archaeology. You can't date a gene like a piece of charcoal. Mutation rates change."

Dr. Torroni's team derived a rate of geneticmutation change from a study of seven modern Indian tribes in Central America, all of which speak the Chibcha language. From linguistic and archaeological evidence, it is estimated that the tribes formed a single genetic group 8,000 to 10,000 years ago and then began to diverge.

By analyzing samples of mitochondrial DNA. a fast-evolving genetic component of the cell, in the modern Chibcha-speaking people, Dr. Torroni determined the telltale elements of theirgenetic diversity, presumably the result of their eparation over 8,000 or more years. The scientists thus established the mutation rates over that period, which they then used to determine the genetic history of many other American Indians.

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groups and other traits, American Indians are classified into three major groups: Amerinds, who inhabit most of the Americas; Na-Dene in northwest North America, as well as the Nava-bo and Apache, and the Inuit, or Eskimo, and Aleuts, who live mainly in the arctic.

R. TORRONT'S research concerned only the Amerinds, the largest of the groups. If they entered the New World as a single group, the scientists concluded from the metation rates, that enery occurred no later than 22,000 years ago

and more likely 29,000 years ago.

But another team of geneticists, led-by Dr.

Richard H. Ward of the University of Utah and
Dr. Svante Paabo of the University of Munich.
has produced findings that question the assumption that this genetic variability began after people crossed the land bridge in the Bering Sea, which existed when sea levels were much lower in the ice age. Some of the genetic separation might have begun back in Asia, they

In a commentary accompanying Dr. Tor-roni's report, Dr. Kenneth M. Weiss, an antiropologist specializing in genetic studies at Pennsylvania State University, said the new research showed "the potential of genetic methods to address prehistorical questions."

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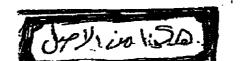
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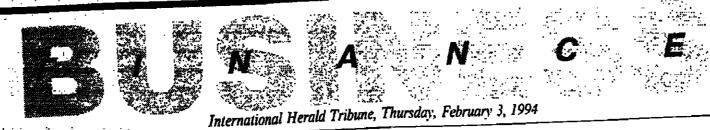
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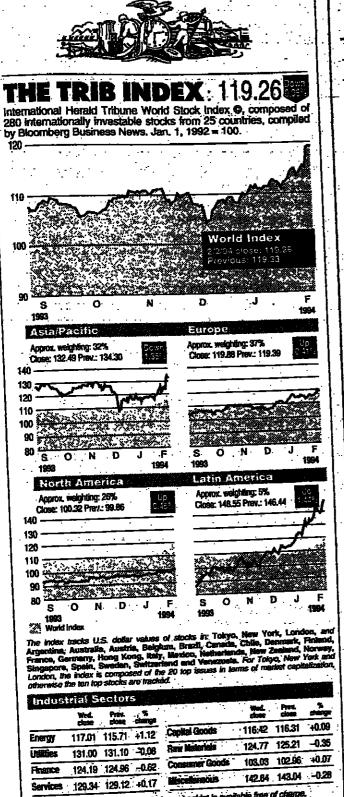
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In Vietnam, Tokyo's Patience Pays Japan Gets an Opening Relief for U.S. Business By Steven Brull

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TOKYO - A lifting of the U.S.

trade embargo against Vietnam would clear the way for Japan to

assume a dominant position in an

economy it believes is destined to

But Vietnam's tattered infra-

structure and tortuous bureau-

Japanese investment and confine

natural resource projects in the coming years. It will likely be

nearly the end of the decade be-

fore Japan, which is the biggest investor in Southeast Asia by far,

"As U.S.-Vietnamese relations

improve, Vietnam will be drawn

into the international economy,

and this will improve the overall

investment environment," said

Morihito Kosuda, general man-

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By Philip Shenon New York Tones Service

BANGKOK - The government of Victnam and American businesses operating there wel-comed on Wednesday reports that the 19-year-old U.S. trade embar-go against Vietnam was nearly over. Vietnamese and Americans alike predicted a flood of investment in a nation that is full of promise but is only now recovering from the Vietnam War.

While the Foreign Ministry said it had not yet received formal notification from Washington, the Vietnamese government's chief spokesman said the lifting of the trade embargo would be "good news not only for the two people —the Vietnamese and the Americans - but also for the

The reaction from American ousmesses in Hanoi was one of relief that they would finally be able to enter one of the world's fastest-growing markets, a market that their Asian and European competitors have been able to exploit for years.

While American corporations are now allowed to open offices in Vietnam and to bid on large publie-works projects underwritten by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, they are still barred under the embargo from selling their products in Vietnam and from conducting most other types of business.

This will be an excellent development for the United States and for Vietnam," said James Rock-well, managing director of Vatico, a Hanoi-based consulting firm

By Ferdinand Protzman

a round in its legal battle with Gen-eral Motors when a German civil

court ruled Wednesday that the

German carmaker had not broken

the law by luring seven managers

The sun was filed last year by

from GM in March.

New York Times Service
BONN — Volkswagen AG won

that represents Chrysler Corp. and other large American companies seeking a market in Vietnam. The timing is good," Mr. Rockwell said. The Vietnamese

like and respect Americans." The Hanoi representative of Ciubank, Frank Hawke, said that while some American investors seemed to believe that they had already "missed the boat" be-

The end of the embargo 'will be an excellent development. James Rockwell,

consultant to U.S. companies in Hanoi cause so many competitors from other nations had already moved

into Vietnam, the truth is that "there are lots of boats out there - some of them missed, some of them not." "The Vietnamese are emphasizing key infrastructure areas such as petrochemicals, telecom-

munications, transportation and

power generation, all areas where U.S. companies excel," he said. Eugene Matthews, an American lawyer whose consulting company represents several large U.S. companies in Vietnam, said that a lifting of the embargo would have an valuable psycho-

Volkswagen Wins Round Against GM

Adam Opel AG, the German sub-sidiary of GM. The seven managers left GM and Opel to join their for-left GM and Opel to join their for-

mer boss, José Ignacio López de Arriortúa, who became Volkswagen's head of production and purchasing in March after jumping from GM in Detroit. Mr. López had been chief of purchasing at GM.

The roling Wednesday represented a minor victory in civil court for Volkswagen but was by no means

United States, its biggest trading partner and source of trade friction, Japan has maintained a low profile in Vietnam. Exercising patience and discretion, companies refrained from rushing in and shutting the door on American business prospects. Executives took their cues from the government, which coordinated closely with Washington and made sure cracy will slow the expansion of its policies were just one step it largely to public works and

"The embargo has been a psy-chological obstacle," said Hiroshi Kadota, deputy director of the Asian Affairs department at Keidanren, Japan's biggest business federation. "If it is lifted, more and more big companies will try

Tokyo's biggest concession to the embargo was to suspend its official development assistance to Hanoi after Vietnam's invasion of Cambodia in 1978. Japan, the ager of the Indochina office of the world's biggest aid donor, has trading company Nissho Iwai Corp. The menu of investment used its money to set the stage for economic development and Japaoptions will expand, but the pace nese investment. It disburses most at which Japanese investment of its funds in Asia, with resourcerich Indonesia getting the biggest Japanese executives see big op-

Japan resumed giving development aid to Vietnam in November 1992 just after the U.S. presidential elections. The next month joining (ast-growth countries like Thailand and Malaysia. Vietnam Washington relaxed sanctions and allowed American compahas a young population of roughly nies to open offices and sign con-70 million, and its workers are tracts in Vietnam. Further looslargely literate, hard-working and ening the restrictions, President low-paid. Moreover, the country Bill Clinton last July gave the has enough food and oil to export. green light to the World Bank and it is in Southeast Asia, the and the Asian Development most economically dynamic re-

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Last month, the Frankfurt Supe-

In Wednesday's decision, the

Frankfuri State Court rejected

Opel's contention that Volkswagen

gained an unfair competitive

France Plans **New Subsidy** For Aerospatiale

By Roger Cohen New York Times Service

PARIS — The Economy Ministry said Wednesday it would pump 2 billion francs (\$340.4 million) into Aerospatiale SA, the unprofitable state-owned aerospace company.

The decision to boost the capital of Aerospatiale, which has been hit by falling commercial aircraft orders and declining military contracts, is likely to be controversial. Aerospa-tiale owns 37.9 percent of the Euro-pean aircraft consortium. Airbus Industrie, whose rivalry with Boeing Co. has been embinered by persistent disputes over subsidies.

The economy minister, Edmond Alphandery and the defense minister, François Léotard, said, "This decision by the state will allow Aerospaniale to benefit fully from a gradual recovery in aerospace markets, notably through new projects like the Airbus A-330 and the Airbus A-340."

The ministers' statement underscored the fact that France was providing money to help boost Airbus programs that are directly competitive with U.S. aircraft makers. In the first six months of last year,

Aerospatiale lost 870 million francs, after a 2.38 billion franc shortfall in 1992. The company said last month it expected to return to profitability by 1995.

Shares Offered in Elf

The French government took a step in its privatization drive Wednesday, announcing that shares of the state-controlled oil company Elf Aquitaine would be offered Thursday at 385 francs (\$65.53), the Associated Press reported. The f sale is expected to net the government at least 34 billion

The privatization is to include a That case is expected to come to ublic offering, sales to institution-l investors, sales to present and former employees of Elf, and placerior Court dismissed on a techni-cality a request by Opel for an injunction that would have blocked ments with a so-called stable core of investors, including several companies current or formerly conthe seven former managers from trolled by the French government. The Economics Ministry said af-

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Meanwhile, Groupe Bull SA, the state-owned computer maker, pre-dicted a 1993 net loss of 3.42 billion francs and said revenue for the year fell 6.4 percent.

U.S., Japan Weigh Panel On Car Trade

By Andrew Pollack New York Times Service

TOKYO — In a possible sign of movement in deadlocked trade talks, the United States and Japan are looking favorably at the idea of creating a private commission to as-sess progress in increasing sales of foreign automobiles and parts in Japan, officials said Wednesday.

The commission would give the private sector rather than the two governments more of a role in addressing the huge trade deficit that the United States has with Japan in automotive products.

Negotiations have been stalemated, with only nine days to go before agreements are supposed to be signed by President Bill Clinton and Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa. The main sticking point is Japan's resistance to what it views as a U.S. desire to set sales targets. Mickey Kantor, the U.S. trade

representative, arrived here Tuesday, meeting with Tsutomu Hata, the foreign minister, and Hiroshi Kumagai, the trade minister. In the automobile sector, the

idea for an independent monitoring commission is still in early stage of discussion. Some Japanese officials view the idea as possibly the germ of a broader agreement, but the United States, which suggested the idea of the commission, sees it would consist of the insurance as only one element.

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Return Trip to South Africa

By Barnaby J. Feder

New York Times Service CHICAGO - In the 1980s, many companies agonized over whether and how to withdraw from South Africa. Now, some of those U.S. corpora-tions that bailed out are sweating almost as much

over how to go back.

Last week, Honeywell Inc. became the latest of these companies to return to South Africa, and how it went about it suggests that many corpora-

how it went about it suggests that many corporations may end up spending more time and resources mapping their return than might ordinarily
be justified, given the business they expect to do.
But there could be a different kind of payoff: an
enhanced reputation for social responsibility.

Honeywell, based in Minneapolis, makes control systems for industries and buildings. It had
about \$6 billion in sales last year. The company
has devoted months to meetings with employees,
investors, politicians and social-policy advocates
in the United States and South Africa to consider
whether it should buy back the South African whether it should buy back the South African operation it sold seven years ago.

The question centered on Martech, a distribu-

tion company with 130 employees and \$25 million in annual sales — less than 1 percent of Hon-

eywell's worldwide revenue.

"How you go back is very important," said
Mannie Jackson, senior vice president for marketing and administration, and chief architect of Honeywell's South Africa policy for the last four years.

"As they started to tell about free elections and "As they started to talk about free elections, we had to talk about how far we would go to provide

an economic base for reforms."

Only a handful of the 41 American companies that have invested in South Africa since former President George Bush lifted the ban on such activities in July 1991 had previously been there and pulled out, according to the Investor Responsibility Research Center of Washington. The reinvestment trend gathered momentum

four months ago, when Nelson Mandela, the leader of the African National Congress, went to the United Nations and called for an end to all economic sanctions against South Africa.

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So far, the biggest step taken has been Sara Lee Corp.'s repurchase this month of Kiwi Brands, a shoe-polish subsidiary it sold in 1986. Kiwi operations in South Africa have annual sales of about \$130 million, making Sara Lee the largest American employer in the country, with 4,700 workers, the investor research center says.

the investor research center says.

For American companies, the main hurdles to returning are no longer the nearly 180 state and local laws passed over the years that penalized or forbade South African investment.

Those laws were the primary club that apartheid opponents used to drive more than 200 companies from South Africa. More than half of these have been repealed.

Now, the concern is whether businesses will be able to operate profitably in South Africa.

Specialists said they expected only a trickle of companies to announce their plans before the national elections scheduled for April 27, in which South Africans of all races are expected to elect a government controlled by the black majority.

"People want to know if South Africa will be reopie want to know it South Africa will be politically stable and what the economic policy of the new government will be, said Emer Marzullo, administrator of the Industry Support Unit, a group of 53 companies that has stayed in South Africa through the years and

Africa through the years and supported reform by operating under a code of conduct drafted by the Reverend Leon Sullivan of Philadelphia.

Honeywell's financial risk in going ahead now is small and the timing makes sense. The terms under which it sold Martech in 1986 to Murray & Roberts a Johannesburg construction and engineering erts, a Johannesburg construction and engineering company, gave Honeywell until 1995 to decide

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been chief of purchasing at GM.

the end of the legal wrangling between Europe's largest automaker

and its American counterpart.

By Jacques Neher International Herald Tribune
PARIS — After getting the first independent glimpse of the financial condition of Euro Disney SCA, 60 French and international banks that put up more than \$3 billion to build the amusement park decided Wednesday to start talks with Walt Disney Co. on restructuring the

With the clock ticking toward a March 31 deadline set by Walt Disney, which owns 49 percent of the complex east of Paris, the bankers formed a steering committee to negotiate preliminary terms for the French company's financial re-

The decision followed a report by KPMG Peat Marwick, an outside auditor. It also followed an announcement earlier in the day that Euro Disney's net loss in its first quarter deepened significantly, mostly due to spiraling financial costs related to its 22 billion francs (\$3.74 billion) in debt.

That report contributed to a fall in Euro Disney's stock on the Paris Bourse, to 36.20 francs a share at

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Stocks Recover As Bonds Stabilize

Compiled in Our Stuff From Depatches NEW YORK — U.S. stocks rose Wednesday amid evidence of a strengthening economy and a sta-bilization in Treasury bond prices after a sharp drop on Tuesday. Oil stocks led the advance, react-

N.Y. Stocks

ing to a jump in heating and crude oil prices as cold weather spurred energy demand. The Dow Jones industrial aver-

age closed up 11.53 points, at On the New York Stock Exchange, advancing issues led decliners by

an 11-to-8 ratio in active trading. Commerce Department data showing U.S. new-home sales in December at the briskest pace since 1986 meshed with an uptick in leading economic indicators for the month to fuel optimism about the health of the economy.

The data failed to push up Treasurv bond yields, which was a positive for stocks. Weak Treasury bond prices and corresponding higher yields on Tuesday ended a succession of record closes for stock indexes.

The bellwether U.S. 30-year Treasurv bond was up 14/32 at 99 18/32. The credit market focused on the details of the Treasury's quarterly refinancing auctions, to take place next week.

The Treasury said its refunding would total \$40 billion, in line with expectations, but the breakdown

some analysis were looking for. The announcement's other surprise was that the Treasury was considering selling floating-rate notes for the first time. Rates for the securities would fluctuate with

market interest rates. A Treasury spokeswoman downplayed the chances for such an offering this year, but the govern-ment has been shifting toward short-term instruments for its financing needs and floating-rate notes would fit with that trend.

Meanwhile, stock investors concentrated on the more immediate interest-rate picture, which was stable despite the signs of economic

Strength in overseas markets added to the bullish tone in the United States, London's Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100 index and the CAC-40 index in Paris set record highs Wednesday.

Among oil stocks benefiting from the rally in energy prices were Exxon, which rose 1 to 6714, and Amoco, up $\frac{1}{2}$ to $54\frac{1}{2}$.

But the Dow was held back by a fall in Sears, which led the New York Stock Exchange's most-active list, dropping 24 to 514. Sears was hit by concerns that the recent California earthquake would cause losses at its Alistate insurance unit. A downgrade to hold from buy

battered Sears stock. (AP, Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg)

Traders Kept Guessing Over Mark and Yen

NEW YORK - Trading of foreign currencies was confused and tentative on Wednesday as dealers waited for interest-rate moves from Germany and tried to figure out whether developments in Japan would help or hurt the yen.

The dollar rose slightly against he Deutsche mark, ending at 1.7334 DM after 1.7310 DM at

Foreign Exchange

Tuesday's close. The U.S. currency also gained against the yen, to 108.05 yen from 107.65 yen.

Hugh Walsh, a dealer at ING Bank, said fund managers had sat on their hands ahead of Thursday's meeting of the Bundeshank's policymaking council and Friday's U.S. nonfarm payroll data for January. "The only activity in the market

consists of interbank dealers trading ranges." he said.

Mr. Walsh said he expected the Bundesbank to cut its Lombard and discount rates by 25 basis points,

which should actually benefit the

mark after the initial self-off. "The Bundesbank knows that if it does not cut tomorrow, then it could be seen as an act of weakness by the speculators and they could attack the mark." he said.

Fuji Bank's chief dealer. John Griffin, said traders were trying to interpret news from Tokyo about U.S.-Japan trade talks and the Social Democratic Party's threat to leave the coalition government is opposition to tax components of the fiscal stimulus package.

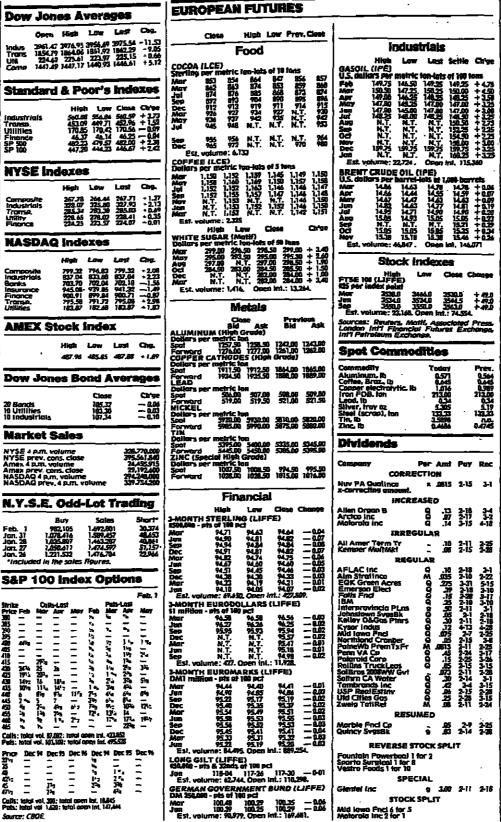
The dollar's upside is capped by the threat of a possible statement by the U.S. Treasury on the ven should the trade talks break down." Mr. Griffin said, "On the other hand, the yen's upside is limited by the potential breakup of the Japanese government and strong investor interest to

buy dollars at 107.70-80.7 The dollar gained a little against the French franc, to 5.8825 francs

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U.S./AT THE CLOSE Paramount Expects \$35 Million Loss

NEW YORK (Combined Dispatches) — Paramount Communications Inc., the prize in a heated takeover battle between QVC Network Inc. and Viacom Inc., said Wednesday it expected to post a loss of \$35 million to \$40 million for its third and a loss of \$15 million to \$10 million for its third and a loss of \$15 million to \$10 million for its third and a loss of \$15 million to \$10 million for its third and a loss of \$15 million to \$10 million for its third and a loss of \$15 million to \$10 million for its third and a loss of \$15 million to \$10 million for its third and a loss of \$15 million to \$10 million for its third and a loss of \$15 million to \$10 million for its third and a loss of \$15 million to \$10 million for its third and a loss of \$15 million to \$10 million for its third and a loss of \$15 million to \$10 million for its third and a loss of \$15 million to \$10 million for its third and a loss of \$15 million to \$10 million for its third and a loss of \$15 million for its thirac and a loss of \$15 million for its third and a loss of \$15 mi \$40 million for its third quarter, which ended Jan. 31.

The entertainment conglomerate blamed poor ratings at its half-owned USA Network cable channel and its disappointing holiday-season film.

"Addams Family Values," as well as anticipated losses in publishing and

television production.

The results added support to speculation that QVC and Viacom have (Bloomberg, AP) bid far more than Paramount is worth.

Leading Indicators Up 0.7 Percent

WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. government's chief economic fore-casting gauge rose in December for the fifth straight month, a report that suggests the American economy will continue to expand later this year.

The Commerce Department said Wednesday its Index of Leading Economic Indicators rose 0.7 percent in December. That follows 0.5 percent advances in October and November.

With the economy improving and mortgage rates the lowest in two decades, sales of new housing shot up 9.7 percent last year, to the highest

Inco's Loss Doubled in Quarter

TORONTO (Bloomberg) — Inco Ltd. said Wednesday its loss for the fourth quarter of 1993 doubled, to \$38.2 million, as the price of the nickel

it produces fell 20 percent.
Inco, the world's largest nickel producer outside the former Soviet
Union, said revenue fell 15.7 percent; to \$515.8 million, compared with the fourth quarter of 1992.

"The company's realized nickel price for 1993, the key determinant of the company's profitability, was the lowest since 1987." Inco said. Inco sold its nickel for an average price of \$2.42 a pound during the quarter.

Canadian Cable Merger Overture

TORONTO (Combined Dispatches) — Maclean Hunter Ltd. said Wednesday that it had received an unsolicited takeover overture from Rogers Communications Inc. Canada's largest cable television company.

Rogers is offering a combination of cash and its nonvoting stock for all the shares of Maclean Hunter, which controls the Toronto Sun newspaper and also has extensive cable TV operations. Maclean Hunter's stock is valued at 2.85 billion Canadian dollars (\$2.15 billion). Edward Rogers, chairman and controlling shareholder of Rogers

Communications, has already acquired a 7 percent stake in Maclean (Reuters, Knight-Ridder) Hunter, the company said.

Tribune Co.'s Earnings Rise 38%

CHICAGO (AP) - Tribune Co., parent of newspapers, television and radio stations and the Chicago Cubs baseball team, said Wednesday that its quarterly earnings had risen 38 percent to \$58.1 million.

Revenue for its 1993 fourth quarter, which ended Dec. 26, slipped 1.5

Tribune Co. said its fourth-quarter newspaper publishing profits were

Buyout Lifts McGraw-Hill's Profit

NEW YORK (AP) - McGraw-Hill Inc. said Wednesday that net profit and revenue rose in the fourth quarter of 1993, a development the company attributed to its purchase of the remaining half interest in Macmillan-McGraw Hill School Publishing Co.

Profit for the quarter ended Dec. 31 rose 4 percent to \$44.9 million, on revenue of \$682.6 million, up 18 percent.

For the Record

J.B. Acquisition Co., a Colorado-based partnership of Jones Intercable Inc., PaineWebber Cable Capital Inc., and Sandler Capital Management.
said it had purchased four British cable companies from PacTel Cable. The purchase price was not disclosed.

INVEST: End of Embargo on Vietnam Will Clear Way for Japan to Assume Dominant Position in Economy

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Bank to extend credit to Hanoi; he also gave permission to U.S. companies to join in international pro-

Free to expose its hand. Japan in from 5.8775, and against the Swiss November pledged 60 billion yen franc, to 1.4510 francs from 1.4485. (\$557.4 million) in aid to Vietnam. The pound slipped to \$1.4956 from The commitment included 52 bil-

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But Japan will be playing catch-

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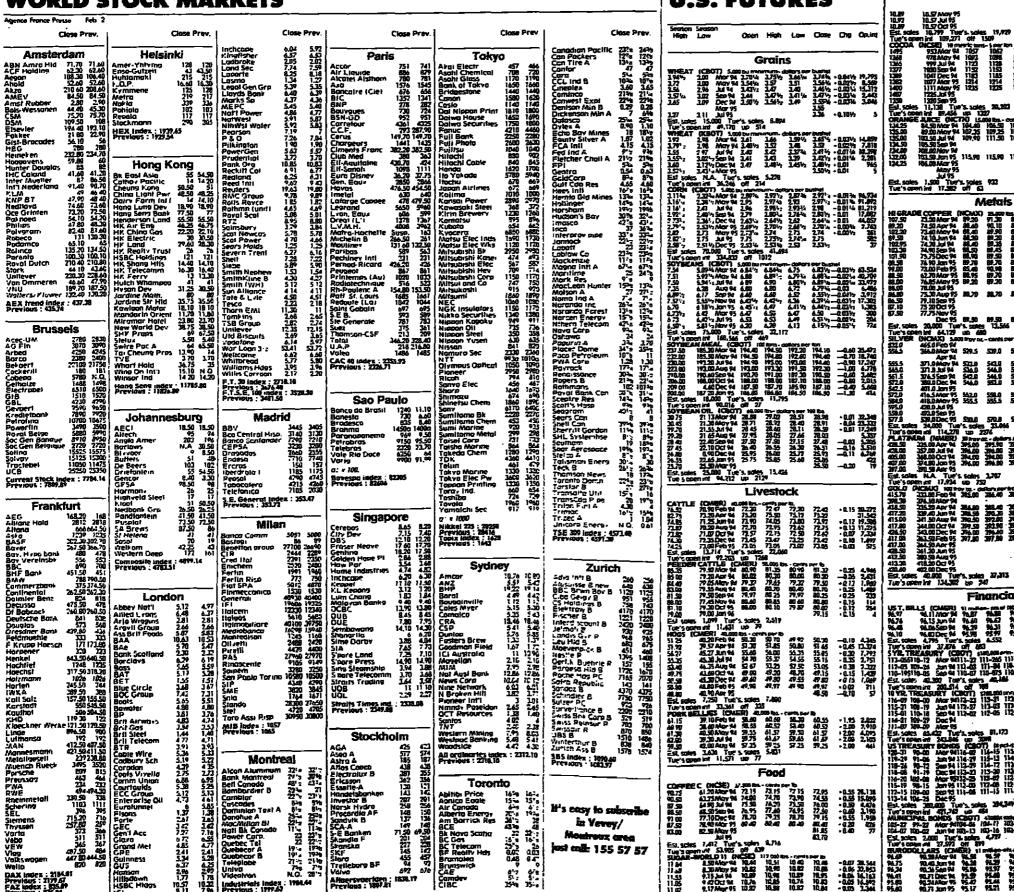
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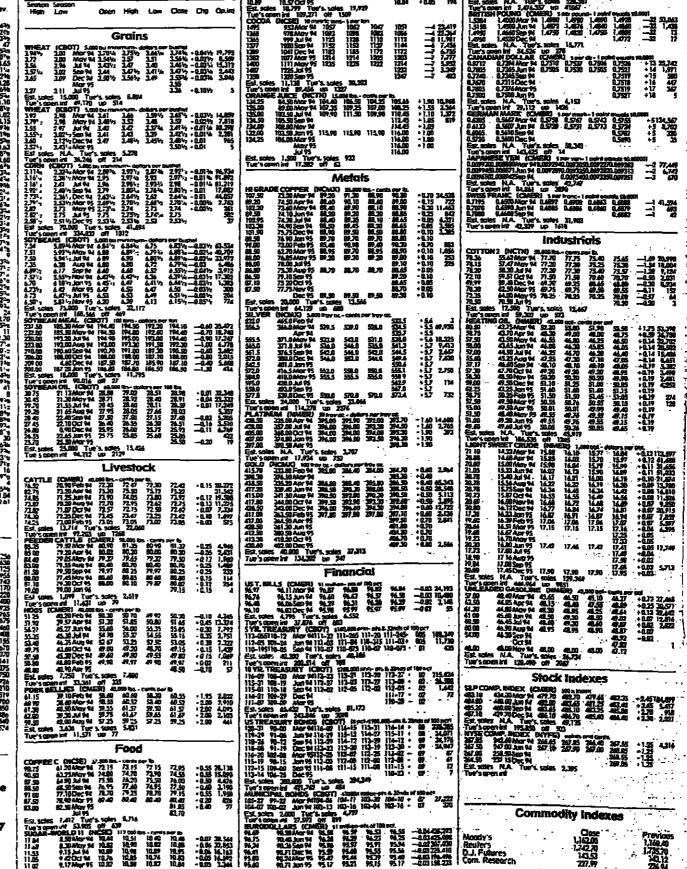
In another major project. Nissho I wai and two other Japanese companies are close to signing a contract to explore for oil off the southeast shore of Vietnam. Mobil Corp. will

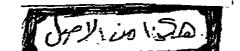
semigovernmental Japan Petroleum Exploration Co. and Indonesia Pe-troleum Ltd.

But Hanoi is likely to be frustrated in its attempt to lure investments for higher-value added projects from the likes of Sony Corp., Toyota Motor Corp. or Nippon Steel Corp. until it improves its

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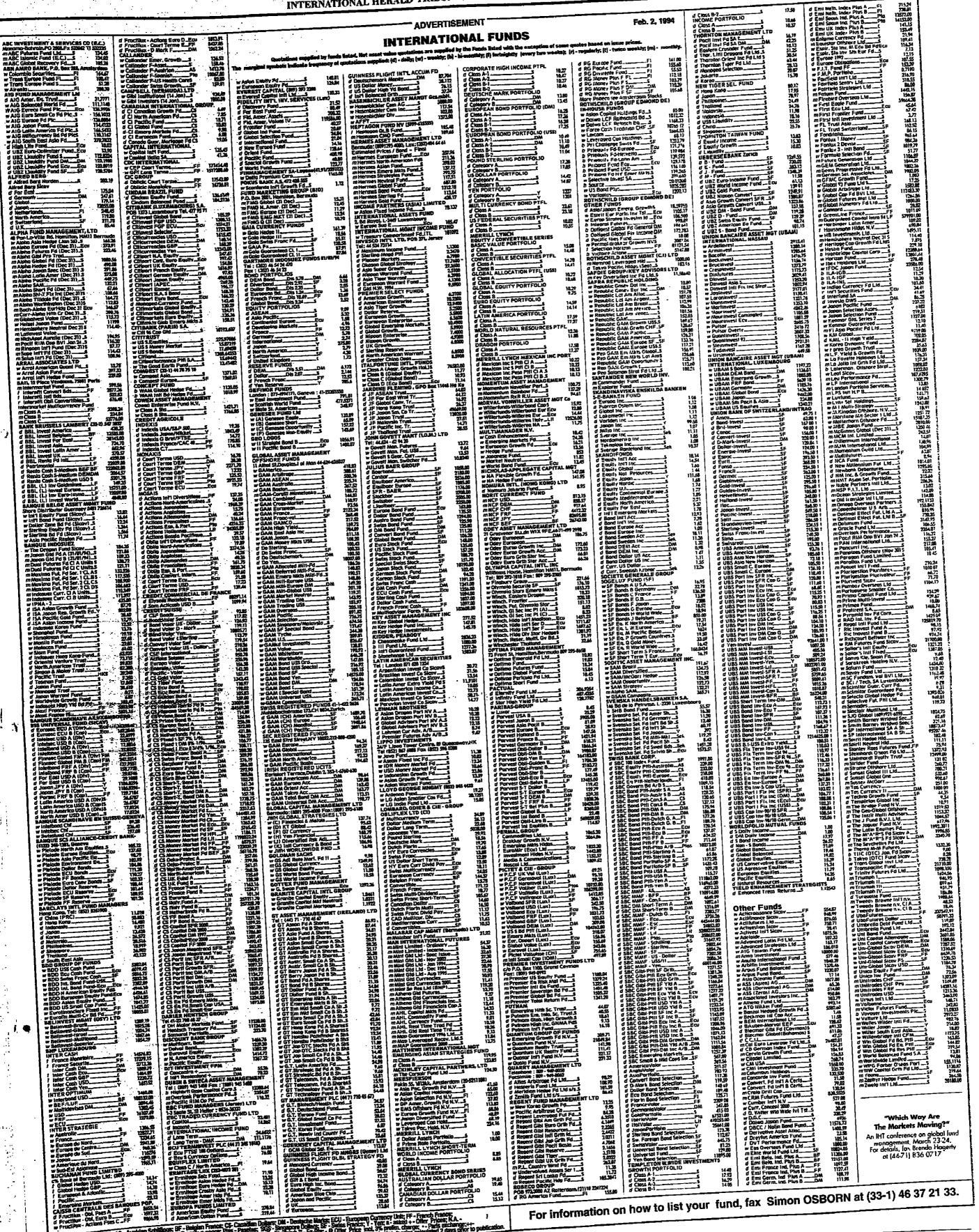
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Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches BONN - The German cabinet approved plans Wednesday to start privatizing state-owned postal and telephone services in 1996.

The telecommunications agency, Deutsche Bundespost Telekom: the postal service. Deutsche Bundespost Postdienst; and the Deut-

Industrial Output In West Germany Grew in December

Compiled in Our Staff From Dispatches BONN - West German industrial production rose 0.7 percent in December from November, according to preliminary, seasonally adjusted figures released Wednesday by the Economics Ministry. The rise in output was the first

since August. It followed a revised fall of 1.2 percent in November. The December figure was 0.9 percent below that of December 1992, however, and for 1993 as a whole, industrial output in Western Germany was 7 percent below 1992

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levels, reflecting the depth of postwar Germany's worst recession. A two-month comparison, which is intended to iron out shori-term fluctuations; showed a 1.5 percent drop in industrial production in the November-December period from

September-October. All manufacturing sectors recorded rises in December except for consumer goods, where output fell by 1.2 percent. Building output surged by 5 percent in December largely due to a cold snap in November. which had depressed that month's with other private companies, he

sche Bundespost Postbank will be turned into three separate companies in 1995. The privatization is

expected to be completed in 1997. initially, the companies will be owned by the state. But the government plans sell a block of stock in Telekom, worth around 15 billion Deutsche marks (\$8.65 billion) in 1996 in what is expected to be one of the world's largest privatizations. It is to privatize the other

agencies later.

This will create the conditions for the postal agencies to survive in an increasingly liberalized world-wide market, said Post Minister

Wolfgang Bötsch. Cabinet approval marks the start of the legislative process after several years of tortuous negotiations among the government, the opposi-tion Social Democrats and postal unions worned about the future of the 630,000 Bundespost jobs. The government estimated up to 100,000 jobs would be shed.

The federal government will keep a majority stake in Telekom and the postal agency Postdienst for at least five years, but may sell off up to 49 percent of each.

Most of the proceeds of privatization will go to the heavily indebted companies themselves. This represents a concession by Finance Minister Theo Waigel, who had wanted some of the money to reduce the federal budget deficit.

Mr. Bötsch said Bonn hoped to get the post reform legislation through parliament before next October's national elections.

The three postal companies will be able to offer their services outside the country and to compete (Reuters, Knight-Ridder)

southeastern Russia. Vasily Borov, finance director at the Bogoslovsky aluminum plant, agreed. "There's not a single aluminum producer in Russia who is happy with production cuts," he said.

the government forced his plant to shut. He also MOSCOW - Russian aluminum makers are undermining an agreement to reduce excess global said he put little faith in the promise of aid: "I haven't heard of a single factory reconstructed supply by threatening to light the government's vith aid from the West. We're a private company now, and we decide

Even if such aid came, said Mr. Gavrichkin, the world aluminum glut would worsen. "If they modernize our aluminum industry, it will only increase uminum output," he said.

Russia produces most of the aluminum exports from the Commonwealth of Independent States to the West, which last year rose 25 percent, to 1.6 million tons, six times more than in 1990. Western producers blame the exports for depressing prices to seven-year lows.

Although world demand for aluminum grew 2.7 percent last year, industry leaders say there was an excess of supply of between 1.5 million and 2 million tons.

"I don't see how exports can remain static or fall under current conditions," said an official of the nonferrous metals ministry, who requested anonymity. "Producers have to export to survive. We will probably have to have more discussions with our trading partners later this year if exports go up."

But some specialists said exports will fall because domestic demand is increasing.

Cuts Stake In Volvo Compiled to Our State From Disputches

Renault

PARIS - Remault said Wednesday it sold about 4.85 percent of the stock of Volvo AB, apparently at a sizable profit, following the failure of plans to merge the carmakers.

Renault denied the sale was a step in dismantling its alliance with Volvo, with which it had an embarrassingly public breakup a month before the planned Jan. I merger

Renault built up its stake in Volvo over several years, buying shares on the open market until September. That was in addition to a crossshareholding agreement, under which the Swedish concern took a 20 percent stake in Renault and a 45 percent stake in the company's truck division, Renault Vehicules Industriels. In return, Renault acquired 25 percent of Volvo's car division and

45 percent of Volvo Trucks Renault said it now holds 3,45 percent of Volvo's capital and 8.76 percent of its voting rights, instead of the 8.3 percent of the capital and 9.99 percent of the voting rights it had previously held. Renault said the stake the French state-controlled carmaker acquired in the open market was considered a financial investment and treated as such.

Executives said Renault reaped a substantial capital gain from the sale of its Volvo shares, but they would not elaborate.

According to financial sources. however, Renault made close to 750 million francs (\$12.76 million) from the side. Renault sold 3.2 million Volvo shares at 655 kronor Tuesday for a total amount of 2.1 billion kronor (\$267.06 million).

The plans to merge the companies would have resulted in the world's sixth-largest automaker. The plans collapsed when it became clear Volvo shareholders would not accept the deal out of fears France would seek to control the merged (4P. Bloomberg)



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 Arista Records, a division of Bertelsmann Music Group, said it had U.S. sales of more than \$220 million in 1993, the largest in its 18-year history. • Unilever PLC said Unilever France would renew its request to the European Commission for approval of its acquisition of the French

frozen food and ice cream business. Ortiz-Miko. The French Automakers Committee said new registrations, at 129,000. were 9.5 percent higher this January than in January 1993.

· Electrolity, AB reported profit after financial items rose \$3.5 percent to 1.55 billion kronor (\$197 million) in 1993.

• Poland's labor minister, Leszek Miller, has reportedly agreed to ahandon his proposal for a 0.5 percent tay on stock exchange transactions.

• Britain is to introduce a tougher law on insider trading on March 1. extending the scope of existing legislation to cover all securities, including

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Banesto Investigation Ordered

Threat to Aluminum Pact

Russian Producers Oppose Output Cut

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches MADRID - The Bank of Spain said Wednesday that it would investigate possible management infractions by the former board of Banco Español de Crédito SA. which it dismissed five weeks ago because of Banesto's huge financial

promise to cut production.

what to do," said Valentin Gavrichkin, economic

director of the Volgograd aluminum plant in

The government agreed Sunday to cut produc-

tion by 500,000 metric tons a year in return for cuts

totalling 1 million to 1.5 million tons by producers

in the United States, the European Union, Cana-

da; Norway and Australia. Western producers will

also provide Russian producers loans and invest-

ment worth \$1.5 billion to restructure the industry.

duction cuts and closures "would be terrible for

those people who work at the factories, standing

idle at the moment are a potential army for

[Vladimir] Zhirinovsky," the extreme-rightist poli-

tician who advocates Russian expansionism.

Volgograd," already a "depressed city.

The two Russian executives, however, de-

sunced the agreement. Mr. Gavrichkin said pro-

It could also destabilize Russia, he said. "All

A Bank of Spain spokesman, Anselmo Calleja, said banking leg-islation forbade him to release de-

shortfall.

tails of possible infractions by the board of Spain's fourthlargest bank, which was headed by Mario Conde, The central bank intervened at setas (\$3.6 billion), Later audits raised this to 605 billion pesetas.

day with the Economy Ministry

inspectors had found "accounting tricks" and inflated profits that had given the impression Banesto was in better shape than it really was. The central bank on Friday reached agreement with other

Banesto on Dec. 28 after finding a banks on a rescue plan for Banesto financial shortfall of 503 billion pe- that will involve pumping in 180 billion pesetas in new capital.

When trading in Banesto shares Mr. Conde and the other former resumed Tuesday, they closed at 855 board members filed an appeal Fri- pesetas, down sharply from 1.905 pesetas when trading was suspended against the Bank of Spain for inter-vening in the bank's affairs.

On Dec. 28. The stock regained 15 pesetus on Wednesday to 870. Mr. Calleja said under Spanish

The central bank governor. Lus

Angel Rojo, said last month that law the investigation and any disciplinary proceedings must be completed within 18 months. News reports said the former board members could face fines of up to 10 million pesetas (571,483). (AP, AFX) enterprise.

DISNEY: After Euro Disney's Latest Loss, Banks Gird for Debt Talks

HONEYWELL: Return to South Africa Stresses Social Responsibility to stress equal opportunity, career development flect guidelines drawn up by the Executive and family support issues.

It also said it had pledged to donate money

and other resources to education and training for South African children, employees and customers; to invest in local schools and recreation sites; to support a mentoring system with South African universities to develop black professionals, and to audit purchasing with the aim of steering a sizable chunk of business to blackowned suppliers.

With variations, such programs are also likeformed a standing committee in South Africa of ly to be standard policy for many other Amerifemale and black employees effected by workers can companies planning their return. They repolitics of race make it a lot more visible here."

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Leadership Council, a group formed by Mr. Jackson of Honeywell and about 100 other black executives in large companies. Setting standards for re-entry into South Africa became one of the group's interests in the early 1990s as the government moved in stages to-ward dismantling apartheid.

Mr. Jackson said the effect of the consultation process and the attention to local needs in planning investment should be broader. "As a practical matter, this is really the right way to do business around the world," he said. "The

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comment on the auditor's initial quarter grew 31 percent, to 553

findings, though other bankers said Wednesday's close from 37.75 they did not hear much new. The bankers are expected to meet in a The negotiating team comprises few weeks to hear the auditor's finine of the lenders. They are Banque Nationale de Paris. Banque Inmonth, but was delayed after

Euro Disney, which opened its Credit Bank of Japan. park in April 1992, said that its net A spokesman for BNP would not loss for the October-December

million francs, from 423 million drop for the banks as they enter francs in the year-earlier period. negotiations with Disney," a Lon-At the same time, price cuts don analyst who follows the comaimed at drawing more visitors, pany said. from an economically distressed Europe resulted in a 12 percent fall in revenue, to \$28 million francs.

cutting, including 950 job losses, revenue. It did not release a figure for the operating loss, however.

Walt Disney has agreed to pay operating expenses through the end of March, but its chairman, Mi-Euro Disney asserted that its cost-

chael Eisner, has warned that it might be necessary to shut down was paying off, as the operating loss the Paris operation if the debt was remained steady despite the lower not restructured by that time. Financial specialists now say it

will be difficult for the adversaries "This gives a still gloomier back- to come to an accord on time.

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whether it would continue to distribute prod-

Honeywell figures that Martech can double

its sales in the next five or six years and serve as

a base for doing business in other southern African nations. Mr. Jackson said.

Honeywell deemed the cost of the acquisition

too insignificant to disclose, but it cited several.

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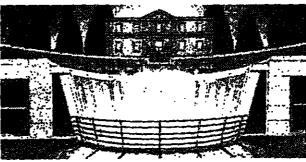
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Po Hsin, 45 percent-owned by Taiwan's ruling Nationalist Party, U.S. media and entertainment gi-hopes to begin broadcasting Chi-ant, said last week that it planned nese-language news and entertain- to launch a film-and-cartoon chanment programs throughout China.

Taiwan and Southeast Asia in October, Vice President Johnny Sand

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Po Hsin's announcement is part ble channel aimed at viewers among some of the world's fastestgrowing economies.

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tional programmers that recently APT Satellite Co., a Beijing-con-trolled company based in Hong Kong, signed an agreement STAR TV, the regional satellite broadcaster controlled by Rupert Murdoch's News Corp.

vide space for the Taiwan company's broadcasts on its Apstar-1 satellite, which is scheduled to be launched this scheduled to be launched in 1995. The other broadcasters include Time Warner Inc.'s Home Box Office and Time

Malaysian Stocks Set for Rebound But Meteoric Gains of 1993 Unlikely to Be Repeated

By Michael Richardson

International Herald Tribune KUALA LUMPUR - The Malaysian stock market, after losing nearly 25 percent of its value in just over a week last month. appears set to advance again but is unlikely to repeat meteoric gains made in 1993 when share prices doubled, analysts said.

P. Gunasegaram, research manager in the Knala Lumpur representative office of Stan-

INTERNATIONAL STOCKS

dard Chartered Securities Asia Ltd., said that without the recent correction, the overheated Malaysian market would have been in danger of a much sharper pull-back later on.

The Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange Com-

posite Index plunged to 1,005 on Jan. 13 from

1.314 eight days earlier. Since then, investors have adopted a cautious approach.

The index ended at 1,148.04 on Wednesday, np 3.7 percent from Monday. The mar-ket, which has regained nearly half of last month's losses, was closed for a holiday Tues-day. Brokers reported substantial buying by foreign institutions on Wednesday. There is "a lot of fundamental value to be found in

better-quality" Malaysian stocks, Mr. Gunasegaram said. Brokers are recommending gaming compa nies that will gain from higher disposable income in Malaysia, and construction and

building-materials concerns that will get in-

creased orders from a massive program over the next few years to improve the country's

Selected banks, finance companies, residential property developers and motor vehicle manufacturers are also seen as benefiting from government and consumer spending.

"We are looking for corporate earnings growth of about 19 percent this year and 16 percent in 1995, compared with 20 percent in 1993," said Richard Jones, head of research at Baring Research (Malaysia) Sdn.

Many analysts predicted the Malaysian economy would continue to grow about 8



percent annually in 1994 and 1995, after adjustment for inflation, which was 3.6 percent last year.

"The macro-economic outlook makes it difficult to be anything but positive on Malaysia," said Colin Bradbury, regional strategist at Jardine Fleming Securities Ltd in Hong Kong. "There is ample biquidity in the financial system and the potential for significant interest rate hikes looks very limited."

In a recent assessment that took account of the correction, Merrill Lynch & Co. said the Malaysian market was "not unduly expensive considering Malaysia's economic growth and the ongoing infrastructure and privatization

Cuts in corporate tax rates will also stimulate profits. The government cut the rate by 2 percent, to 32 percent for 1993. There will be a

further 2 percent reduction this year.

Brokers said they expected the Malaysian composite index to have moved up to between 1,250 and 1,400 by midyear.

However, some analysis cautioned that if, as widely anticipated, the government calls an general election between June and September more than a year early - it could halt the advance of the market in the second half of the

"If the government is reelected with a massive majority, as expected, it may want to apply some nasty economic medicine to slow demand and inflation, said one analyst. "That could have a sobering effect on the

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Very briefly:

• Taiwan's Securities and Exchange Commission will in June and July accept applications from foreign brokerage houses that want to open branches to trade securities on the local market; 13 firms that have had representative offices in Taiwan for more than one year will be eligible. China has officially adopted the word "jobless" to refer to the 700,000 unemployed registered in the first 10 months of 1993, the Beijing-funded Hong Kong China News Service reported: under previous, socialist

terminology, the unemployed were "waiting for work." Bank of Korea said South Korea's gross national product grew by about 5.3 percent in 1993, surpassing a government projection of less than 5 percent, as Japan's strong ven diverted export husiness Korea's way.

South Korea's Finance Ministry said 357.9 million packs of foreign cigarettes were imported in 1993, up 34 percent from a year earlier: foreign eigarettes accounted for 6.7 percent of the market in 1993.

• The Philippines' gross national product grew by 2.3 percent in 1993, much of it from a surge in temittances of overseas workers.

Jakarta Businesses Shirk Minimum-Wage Rules

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

JAKARTA -- Indonesia's armed forces chief blamed businessmen Wednesday for not paying workers the minimum wage, triggering a wave of strikes as a U.S. trade deadline on worker rights edges closer.

"Our businessmen want very high profits. They have enjoyed low labor here for too long," Feisal Tanjung said before a cabinet meeting.

Thousands of Indonesian workers have gone on strike this week to protest the failure of employers to pay the minimum wage, which was increased to 3.800 rupiah (\$1.80) a day from 3,000 rupiah for Jakaria and surrounding areas on Jan. 1.

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Indonesia, which has averaged economic growth rates of around 6 percent over the past two decades, has long used cheap labor to lure foreign in-

The U.S. government will decide on Feb. 15 if Indonesia has done enough to improve workers' rights to avoid losing prefcrential trade concessions worth \$650 million. Indonesia submitted a report of its progress Jan. 20.

Although human rights workers say Indonesia has made only token gestures, analysts say there is too much money at stake-and too much of it American - for Washington to take a hard line against Jakarta. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

China Opens Up Its Telecom Monopoly

BEIJING - China has ended its count decades-old telephone services monopoly by setting up two new companies - one to create a so-called nformation superhighway and another to form a potential second national telephone network.

Jitong Communications Co. and Liantong Communications Co., both developed by the Ministry of Electronics Industry, have approval from the cabinet and Jitong is "Some people say Liantong is system in the United States. He busy setting up shop, its president. China's second telecom network. Lu Shonqua, said.

Some foreign analysts said that could eventually pave the way for an end to the ban on foreign equity investment in the country's telecommunications industry.

Hong Kong-based regional tele-communications analyst.

The Post and Telecommunications Ministry is trying to cope with year as soon as it had cabinet apthe loss of its lucrative monopoly. Mr. Lu said. While litong concentrates on information services largely neglected by the ministry, Liantong will be in direct competition with it in the core business of telephone calls for China's 1.2 billion people, added Mr. Lu.

Maybe it could develop into the second network," he said. He warned, though, that many in the ministry were not happy about

Jin Yuting, the telecommunica-"It is another step forward to- tions ministry's chief of informaward China's telecommunications tion, said Liantong would be under industry eventually opening up to his ministry's management, but foreign equity," said Andrew Har-that the scope of Liantong's busirington. Salomon Brothers Inc.'s ness has not been decided.

He said that measures to split his ministry's regulation and business director at Morgan Grenfell (Asia). functions would be published this was to punish the Telecommunicaproval. This will involve setting up tions Ministry for failing to keep up

a national telecommunications ser-

vice company that will manage re-

gional companies. He said regional telephone bureaus would not be transformed into independent companies, along the lines of the breakup of the Bell companies are not allowed to provide telecommunications services.

Analysis said the Chinese governemnt's backing for the rival companies was a bitter blow to the Telecommunications Ministry. "The MPT has been fighting very hard to maintain its monopoly, which was under threat from the regions, other ministries and foreign companies, and now looks like it has lost that

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Bulls Are Doing Just Fine Without That Baseball Player

By Harvey Araton New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Four months after Michael Jordan jilted them for a batting glove and a chaw of tobacco, the Chicago Bulls are still in the thick of a hectic race for the best record in the National Basketball Association.

But now that his team has drawn up shoulder to shoulder with the East's preseason favorites, the New York Knicks, and those Hawks that have taken wing in Atlanta, Jerry Krause does not want to crow about it. The Bulls' general manager does not want to pinch himself either. but not because there is plenty there to pinch.

Even if he does not get enough credit, this has been Jerry Krause's dream half-season. He is the architect of what is becoming perhaps the greatest success story in pro basketball history.

But, for years, this 5-foot-5-inch rotund former

scout was taunted as the inheritor of Jordan. principally by Jordan, and the builder of nothing.' media, talk-show callers, the Bulls' coach, Phil

Now Jordan is gone, leaving behind a team entirely constructed by Krause, from B. J. (Arm-

strong) to Z.
Without the injured shot-blocker Scott Williams from the start, and without Scottie Pippen for 10 games early on, and with Pete Myers, the former scrub for the Knicks and the New Jersey Nets, starting for Jordan, the Bulls are 30-12, and winner of nine of their last 10.

Yes, there is a talent dilution in the NBA. especially in the East. But the Bulls are still a great story, a thoroughly entertaining, slick-passing, fascinating psychological study, the Pips making beautiful music without Gladys Knight. Anybody who tells you they knew this would

happen is crazy," said Krause, "Nobody knew." If Krause had better looks, he'd have been on the cover of GO by now, or at least have had something nice written about him in The Chicago Sun-Times. The man known as Crumbs is instead being harangued by demands from the news

Jackson, and Pippen to bring them another serious player in the salary slot vacated by Jordan.

Seattle landed Detlef Schrempf and Kendall rookie named Corie Blount. ous player in the salary slot vacated by Jordan. Scattle landed Detlef Schrempf and Kendall Gill. The Knicks replaced Doc Rivers with Derek Harper. Orlando is reportedly trying to add Danny Manning to Shaquille O'Neal, Anlernee Hardaway and Nick Anderson.

Krause has a response to those who say that the Bulls are a shooting guard away from going over the top and that he must simply add a veteran scorer like Jeff Hornacek.

"A few years ago it was Walter Davis," he said, recalling a campaign orchestrated by Jordan. The team won three championships anyway, Krause said, and added: "Where is Walter Davis now?" When Krause does not work the market, he is not doing his job. When he chased the Croatian star Toni Kukoc to the ends of the Earth, he was

"Am I looking? Sure I'm looking," said Krause. "But I'm also looking at my team, too. I'm looking to see just how good we really are because I don't really know. This has all been nice, but we haven't won anything yet.

"I can't get emotionally involved. I have to be objective. Can we win? I don't know. We haven't even had our full team yet."

On the first day of training camp, Jackson forecast the Bulls to be much better than the consensus believed, but admitted to one major concern. Jordan, he said, gave the Bulls "a road arrogance," the ability to take over the opposing crowd and the fourth quarter in another contend-

In the meantime, just in time for Jordan's Jordan was good and peeved when the Bulls really no departure. Krause was making the Bulls deeper lost a game in Charlotte last spring that rendered than ever with Kukoc; John Paxson's spot-up the Sunday regular-season finale in New York:

the home-court playoff advantage. He had just been anticipating a nationally televised battle as he would have a spontaneous challenge to arm wrestle. It never entered his

mind that he couldn't come to the Garden and win one playoff game, which, of course, he did. These Bulls are four multitalented players (Pippen, Horace Grant, Knkoc and Armstrong) supported by bench people who accept their roles. No one can say that their leading men have

reached their full potential.

And one more thing, "Our gnys know how to win," said Krause, knowing that, Jordan or no Jordan, he has players who have made big plays in three straight championship series.

He just cannot be sure they will make enough to win on the road, in the playoffs. That is why the Bulls, should Krause make no additions, will really need home-court advantage this time around. That is why Krause did not want to be

Manhandles Connecticut

Fifth-ranked Connecticut had no defense for what was done to it by by Lawrence Moten and No. 15 Syracuse. Moten scored 31 points and the Orangemen turned Tuesday night's game at home in Syracuse, New York, into a shootout, winning by 108-95. It was the Hiskies' first loss of the season in the Big Fast and stooped their 10 members. Big East and stopped their 10-game win-

ning streak.
"As a team, we played a perfect game tonight," Moten said. "We couldn't have

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played any better. I would never have believed we could score 108 points on

Syracuse (14-3, 7-3) matched its highest point total in a conference game, set ... in 1983 against Boston College.

Connecticut (18-2, 8-1) played its second game without its coach, Jim Calhoun, who has been hospitalized with pneumonia. The Huskies, who beat Syracuse, 75-67, at Hartford on Jan. 10, led by 51-48 at halftime but could not hold on.

John Wallace had 25 points for the Orangemen. He and Moten each had 10

Donyell Marshall scored 30 points and Brian Fair had 25 for Connecticut, which gave up 100 points for the first time this season.

No. 6 Arkansas 89, Vanderbilt 76: Roger Crawford and Scotty Thurman each had three baskets during a 19-0 run early in the second half that got the Razorbacks (15-2, 6-2 Southeastern Conference) past visiting Vanderbilt

No. 13 Michigan 63, No. 8 Purdue 62: Juwan Howard, who got 17 points and 17 rebounds, scored off an offensive rebound with 21 seconds left and Michigan (14-4, 6-2) won at Purtue (17-3, 5-3) in a battle for first place in the Big Ten. Glenn Robinson scored 36 points for Purdue, but he and two teammates each missed short shots in the final seconds. No. 10 Temple 84, Rutgers 45: Eddie. Jones equaled a career-high with 30 points as host Temple (14-2, 7-1 Atlantic

10) ran away from Rutgers (6-11, 2-6).

5 Teams Vying for Lead The Associated Presi

Who's the best team in the NBA? With the Seattle SuperSonics and Houston Rockets continuing to lose while the New York Knicks and Chicago Bulls keep winning, the result Wednesday was that five

teams had nearly identical records.

The Sonics, 31-10, still own the best record in the NBA, but just a half-game behind are the Knicks and Rockets, at 31-11, with the Atlanta Hawks at 30-11 and the Bulls at 31-12.

The hottest teams in the NBA are New York and Chicago. The Knicks won their fourth straight and 13th of 16 on Tuesday night beating Boston. Chicago beat Denver, for its ninth victory in 10

Seattle lost to New Jersey for its fifth defeat in six games, and Houston lost to Utah for its fourth straight defeat on the road. Knicks 114, Celtics 79: In New York, the Knicks held an opponent

to less than 80 points for the fourth time this season, outrebounded the Celtics, 56-35, and held them to 33 percent shooting from the field. Seven New York players had at least 10 points, led by Patrick Ew-

Bulls 118, Nuggets 98: Scottie Pippen scored 28 points, Horace Grant and B.J. Armstrong each had 19 and the Bulls shot 59 percent from the field in Denver.

Nets 104, SuperSonics 103: The

Sonics were playing for the las shot when Ricky Pierce dribbles the ball off his foot. He retrieved at halfcourt and missed a wild hool shot as time expired.

Kenny Anderson led New Jersey with 26 points. Shawa Kemp had 26 for Seattle.

Jazz 104, Rockets 88: Karl Ma-lone scored 29 points, 15 in the fourth quarter, and visiting Hous ton was held scoreless for the fina 4:56. John Stockton added 20 points and 13 assists and, while center Felton Spencer, who fin-ished with 12 rebounds, held Hakeem Olajuwon to just seven, tw

on the offensive end. ■ 2 Rare All-Star Choices

Latrell Sprewell and John Stark represent two rare choices for the NBA All-Star game Feb. 13 in Minneapolis, The Associated Press

reported. Sprewell, of the Golden State Warriors, is only the ninth player, and the first since Bill Laimbeer in game even though he wasn't among the 100 players listed on the All-Star ballot Starks, of the New York Knicks,

is only the third alumnus of the Continental Basketball Associa-

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tion to play in the All-Star game. joining Rickey Green (1984) and Michael Adams (1992).

Sprewell and Starks, both guards, were among 14 reserves seven each from the Eastern and Western conferences — picked Tuesday by the head coaches in each conference to join the five starters for each team.

Also selected as substitutes on the Western Conference team were forwards Karl Malone of Utah, Danny Manning of the Los Angeles Clippers and Cliff Robinson of Portland, center David Robinson of San Antonio, and guards Kevin Johnson of Phoenix and John Stockton of Utah.

The East's reserves, in addition to Starks, will be forwards Horace Grant of Chicago and Dominique Wilkins of Atlanta, centers Patrick Ewing of New York and Alonzo

1983, to be chosen to play in the game even though he wasn't among Mookie Blaylock of Atlanta and Mark Price of Cleveland.

Starting for the West will be forwards Charles Barkley of Phoenix and Shawn Kemp of Seattle, center Hakeem Olajuwon of Houston, and guards Clyde Drexler of Port-land and Mitch Richmond of Sacramento. Opening for the East will be forwards Derrick Coleman of New Jersey and Scottie Pippen of Chicago, center Shaquille O'Neal of Orlando and guards Kenny Anderson of New Jersey and B.J. Armstrong of Chicago.

Starks is averaging 20.1 points per game and a team-high 6.2 assists for the Knicks, leaders of the Atlantic Division. Sprewell is the NBA leader in minutes played with an average of 44.9 per game and the Warriors' scoring leader at 21.2.

He is one of six first-time All-Stars among the reserves. The others are Mourning, Starks, Blaylock, Grant and Cliff Robinson. Among the starters making their All-Star debuts will be Coleman, Anderson and Armstrong. Lenny Wilkens of Atlanta will

coach the East and George Karl of

Seattle will coach the West.



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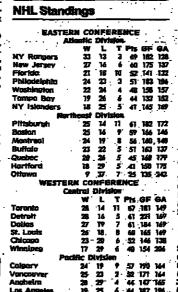
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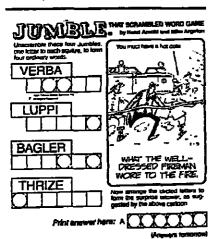
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U.S. Sending Alternate To Norway

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

PORTLAND, Oregon - The U.S. Figure Skating Association announced Wednesday that Michelle Kwan will go to Norway to be ready to skate for the U.S. team while Nancy Kerrigan was preparmg to show that she has recovered. from the attack that injured her leg and can compete in the Olympics, Her doctor said she should have

Kwan, 13, was the runner-up for the 1994 U.S. title won by Tonya Harding, whose former husband, Jeff Gillooly, in a deal with prosecu-tors, pleaded guilty. Tuesday, to a charge of racketeering in connection with the Jan. 6 assault on Kerrigan. Gillooly's lawyer. Ronald H.

Hoevet said the evidence was overwhelming to show Harding was deeply involved in the scheme to keep Kerrigan from skating in the national championships. Harding has steadfastly demed

any involvement in planning the attack. Her lawyer, Robert C. Weaver Jr., accused Hoevet of tryging the case in public. The skating association's spokes-woman, Kristin Matter, said in Colorado Springs that it was important

to get Kwan to Lillehammer, Nor-

way, to "give her time to train and get acclimated in case she's asked to compete or represent the U.S." Travel dates and Kwan's training site in Norway remain undecided. Matta said. As long as Kwan remains an alternate she cannot live in the Olympic village or train

at the Olympic venue. Kwan was included as the alternate for women's singles figure skating on the team roster provided by the U.S. Olympic Committee to the Lillehammer Olympic Organiz-ing Committee on Monday.

Kerrigan, meanwhile, was preparing to show a special committee that she has recovered from her injury. She was forced out of the national championships when she was struck on her right leg in De-troit, but was put on the U.S. Olympic team on condition a special skating association panel

"She's proven to everyone that she's safe to compete," said Dr. Harding defend herself against the Mahion Bradley, the orthopedic U.S. Olympic Committee should it specialist who has monitored her try to remove her from the U.S. recovery. "Medically, she's ready team before she has her day in to go. She has full range of motion court." in the knee and full strangthat Fishting has no contractual ties

Harding showed up an hour late for practice Wednesday after her truck's battery died and a television crew gave it a jump start.

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The five-member figure-skating panel that could help determine whether Harding represents the United States in the Olympics held its first meeting in Colorado Springs on Tuesday, but adjourned without deciding whether Harding most face a disciplinary hearing.

That decision is expected no earher than Friday, when the panel is to reconvene to hear a report from John Bennett. He is the Portland lawyer assigned to gather information about the attack on Kerrigan just before the national championships in Detroit.

If the panel decides a disciplinary hearing is warranted, it will conduct the hearing at which Harding will have an opportunity to defend herself against any charges that she violated the association's code of sportsmanship and ethics.
But even if the panel decides to convene a hearing. Harding would be entitled to a 30-day notice. which means the Olympics would be over before she would be re-

quired to defend herself. Despite Gillooly's statements to the FBI that Harding was involved in planning the attack, there ap-peared to be little independent evi-dence in the court documents released Tuesday that linked Harding to the plot. Oregon law demands more than just the testimony of accomplices to charge

someone in a conspiracy.

Besides the statements from Gillooly and Harding, authorities released confessions from the conlessed assailant, Shane Stant, and the getaway car driver, Derrick Smith, that were made to the FBI.

Harding's statement showed she changed her explanation for telephone calls to Kerrigan's practice arena in Massachuseus more than eight hours into her interrogation, after investigators told her they

knew she was lying. "Mr. Weaver stated the reason Harding had not been totally truthful was that she is learful of Jeff Gillooly and his family," the state-(AP. NYT) ment said.



Jeff Gillooly, left, with his lawyer, Ronald Hoevet, at the hearing in which Tonya Harding was implicated in the attack on Nancy Kerrigan.

Nike's \$25,000 Gift: A Foot in the Door?

By Mark Asher Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - The Todya Harding-Nancy Kerngan rivary for an Olympic gold medal in fig-ure skating, and \$10 million in potential monetary rewards, is in-tense. But it pales in comparison with the competition between Nike Inc., and Reebok, megarivals for megabucks in the multibillion-dollar athletic footwear and clothing

Harding, who lives in Portland, Oregon, and Nike, which is head-quartered in its suburbs, have become intertwined, with Phil Knight, Nike's chief executive offieer, announcing that his company will contribute \$25,000 to help Harding defend herself against the U.S. Olympic Committee should it

to Nike. Kerrigan has an endorse- ing the contribution to Harding, turned basketball star Charles ment contract with Reebok and is a said, "There is a real drive to de- Barkley's negative image into a clare her guilty before she has a brand spokesman for the company's commitment to women's sports, said a company spokesman, Dave Fogelson, Kernigan is one of Under the Amateur Sports Act,

which set up a system of due pro-cess for athletes and was passed by Congress and signed into law in 1978, the USOC is the final arbitrathree Olympic medalists appearing in a new Reebok advertising campaign emphasizing women athletes overcoming obstacles to be successtor of whether an athlete can parful. It will debut with a 30-second ticipate in the Olympics. Harding Kerrigan spot during the second was named to the U.S. team on week of the Winter Games, Fogeluntil Feb. 21, the date of the draw Nike had a net income of \$363 for the figure skaters. million on total sales of \$3.9 billion When the subject turned to an

in its last fiscal year. Reebok announced Tuesday a net income in its last fiscal year of \$223.4 million on sales of \$2.9 billion. Those figures rank the companies I-2 nationally in their industry. Keith Peters, a Nike spokesman, said concerns for an athlete's rights of due process — and not business reasons — drove Knight's thinking

anonymity, recalled that Nike had cess we would not interfere with." on this issue. Knight, in announc-

very successful ad campaign.

Peters said Nike had considered a proposal from Harding about six months ago and decided not to sponsor her "because the Winter Olympics and the products that go along with those opportunities are not business categories we are involved in."

"If everything came out to the Monday, but she can be replaced good in the courts, "there still isn't an endorsement we would seek," he added.

Reebok's Fogelson said the deciathlete abiding by an organiza-tion's rules. Peters replied: "Now Kerrigan was made a year ago, and we're getting into a very gray area." not as a response to the attack on Some have suggested that her. He said Reebok also believes \$25,000 is a small investment to that a person is innocent until provmake in Harding if she is found not en guilty, but that "the law of the to have had prior knowledge of the land" has resulted in the USOC attack on Kerrigan, especially with "setting up a system for evaluating her name recognition. One coach affiliated with Nike, who asked for the team . . and it's clearly a pro-

Depleted Women's Race But world champion Kate Pace areas that the snow is no longer of Canada, who had been tied with adequate.

SIERRA NEVADA. Spain -Hilary Lindh, who won an Olympic silver medal two years ago but had never before stood on a World Cup podium, got there Wednesday with a victory in the last downhill race before the Lillehammer Olympics.

"Obviously, there was more focus on the Olympics than in the World Cup -even when we compete on the weekends instead of a Wednesday - but I'll take it "said Lindh, who joined the circuit in 1988. "Eight years is a long wait."

The 24-year-old Alaskan, starting from 23d position, clocked 2 minutes, 4.21 seconds down the course which will be used for the world championships next year.

That put her one-hundredth of a second ahead of Melanie Suchet of France, who had a half-second lead until she made some mistakes in the lower part of the course. Isolde Kostner of Italy, the winner of Sat-urday's downhill in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, in which Ulrike Maier of Austria was killed, finished third in 2:04.65.

The entire Austrian teamand many of the other favorites, stunned Maier's death, did not race Wednesday.

Kerrin Lee-Gartner, a friend of Maier's, flew home to Canada on Monday instead of coming to Spain and said she did not know if she would defend her Olympic downhill title in Lilleham-

The downhill was brought forward from Friday because of predictions of bad weather later in the week, with a practice run held early Wednesday.

Thursday - designated a day of mourning for Maier - and Friday will now be rest days, with a super-G on Saturday and a slalom on Sunday expected to go ahead as

The sunny weather suited late starters on the fast downhill course. Suchet, who was second in Garmisch, wore No. 24 and the 25th racer, Miriam Vogt of Germany, was a half-second ahead than Lindh when she fell.

Vogt flew out of control on a jump, picked herself up and skied off the course, apparently unhurt. Katja Seizinger of Germany, the world super-giant champion, kept the World Cup downhill lead with fourth place.

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Seizinger, dropped back after fin-

ishing seventh. The race saw a rare downhill appearance by Swiss technical spe-cialist Vreni Schneider, the overall World Cup leader.

U.S. Skier Lindh Wins

Schneider, who hopes to pick up extra points in the combined event which twins the downhill with Sunday's slatom, clocked 2:07.10 down the long Sierra Nevada course.

 World Cup organizers in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, worried about safety after Maier death on the same Kandahar course, on Wednesday called off a men's downhill slated for Saturday.

"The race would be too dangerous," said a race spokesman, Rudi Markl, "The temperature in the past days has risen so much that in

Gunter Hujara, director of racing at the International Ski Federation, said that "in light of what happened last Saturday, I cannot take the responsibility to run the

The weather has been mild since Sunday, with rain forecast for the next few days. But a slalom remained scheduled for Sunday. Some skiers were baffled by the

cancellation. "I can't understand the decision. but we'll have to live with it," said German downhill star Markus Wasmeier

It was the last downhill scheduled before the Olympics, and for many skiers it would have been the last chance to clinch berths on their national teams.

IAP. Reuters)

Lillehammer's Problems: Stray Elk, Falling Snow

LILLEHAMMER, Norway - A record snowfall was causing unexpected problems Wednesday just 10 days before the Winter

Extra clearing equipment was called in as the depth of the snow reached 1.22 meters (4 feet), and forecasters predicted that the Lillehammer record of 1.35 meters, set in March 1951, would be broken during the Games.

"Temperatures are usually at their lowest in the last part of February, so there's little chance of snow melting," said Stein Kristiansen of the Oslo Meteorological Institute. Liflehammer officials warned residents to clear the snow from the

roofs of their houses, or risk collapse, while there was speculation in the Norwegian media that a continuation of the severe weather could lead to another problem: The danger of elk straying onto Olympic

The elk could be forced to emerge from the pine forests in search of food, with the risk that they would run amok if suddenly faced with large crowds of people on race days, some worried.

"We've never seen an elk here, but they live out in the woods, so you never know," said Miriam Henriksen, spokeswoman for the Birkebeineren cross-country track, "I know there have been a lot of elk out near the railway this year. But I doubt if it will be a problem."

Organizers brought in snow-making machines last October, when temperatures reached the freezing point, because of fears there could be a shortage of snow for the Games. But with the the town having been blanketed in recent weeks, officials said some 7,000 truckloads a day were now being carted out.

The snow continued to fall Wednesday and forecasters said it would continue through the night until Thursday morning. But the Oslo Meteorological Institute had some good news: Skies would clear Thursday and no more snow was expected before next Tues-

SIDELINES

Redskins Hire Turner as New Coach

son said.

ASHBURN, Virginia (AP) — The Washington Redskins hired the Dallas Cowboys' offensive coordinator, Norv Turner, as their new coach Wednesday. Terms were not disclosed but a team official said Turner was given a five-year contract. He succeeds Richie Petithon, in whose one season the Redskins went 412, their worst finish in three decades.

In Turner, the Redskins see many similarities to Joe Gibbs, who coached the team to four Super Bowls in 12 seasons before retiring in 1993. And, like Gibbs, Washington will have wide-ranging authority on personnel matters written into his contract. The Washington Post reported.

More Baseball Salaries Escalate

NEW YORK — In settlements as major league baseball's arbitration season began, outfielder Eric Anthony and Seattle agreed at \$1.1 million, more than triple the \$350,000 he made in 1993; infielder Mike Bordick and Oakland agreed at \$1.05 million, more than twice his \$400,000 salary last season; and catcher Brent Mayne and Kansas City settled at \$500,000, more than double his \$225,000 salary in '93.

Right-handed pitcher Kenny Rogers and the Texas Rangers worked out a \$2.3 million, one-year deal just before they were to appear for their arbitration hearing. Rogers, who made \$1 million last season, asked for \$2.5 million; the Rangers had offered \$2 million.

For the Record

The Atlanta Olympics' projected cost has risen about \$50 million, to \$1.52 billion, while expected revenues have fallen slightly, to \$1.58 billion, according to a revised budget released by the organizing committee. (AP)
Philadelphia's NHL and NBA teams, after years of false starts, agreed to build a \$180 million arena that will keep the basketball 76ers in the city for three more decades.

Sergei Buhka, the world pole vanlt champion, told the French newspa-per Informatin that he had bought an estate in Salon-de-Provence, north of Marseille, and planned to move there from Berlin. (Reuers) Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum will undergo \$35 million in repairs on carthquake damage, but will not be torn down and could reopen in time

for football season, officials said.

[AP]

Jeff Harding of Australia said he will defend his WBC light heavy-weight title against No. I challenger Randall Yonker of the United States

Mario Bozi, the leading scorer of the Italian basketball league, was banned for two years for taking steroids, the Italian federation and

Ouotable

• Michael Jordan, on his attempt to become a professional baseball player: "I am about to turn 31 years old. I am not a child. I know what I'm doing. I know there are people who have said: 'You retired from the Bulls. so just go away and let us remember what used to be. If these people are the Of hearing my name, then they ought to quit saying it so often.

Dainty Ainge, who played baseball in the majors before switching to the NBA on Michael Jordan: "Michael has a better chance in baseball sides were happy about."

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than making the PGA Tour. I've golfed with him."

Maradona, Fired, Fires **Back at Press**

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches BUENOS AIRES - At least five journalists reported slight injuries Wednesday after being hit by air rifle pellets fired from the home

of soccer star Diego Maradona. Maradona was shown on televi-sion, crouching with two other people behind a car, rifle in hand and aiming at the camera.

"If you don't get out of here, we're going to start shooting real bullets," he shouted.

The national team's captain, 33, had been either fired by or quit Newell's Old Boys on Tuesday after just four months and five matches with the club team.

The club president, Walter Cattanco, noting repeated failures to show up for practice, said Mara-dona's physical injuries were surmountable, but added: "When there are problems of psychologic cal, emotional depression, that where the serious trouble starts." Cattaneo called the matter a "mutual decision." Maradona said the decision to cancel his \$7 million

ontract was Cattaneo's.

• Walt Disney Co. has withdrawn as producer of this summer's World Cup opening ceremony in Chicago over what organizers describe as "artistic differences."

"It was never a financial dispute at all. The dialogue centered as to how much of the show would be Disney-focused and how much World Cup-focused," said Jim Trecker, spokesman for World Cup USA 1994, the organizing commit-

"In Hollywood parlance, you might say we had artistic differences. We parted amicably because (AP, Reuters)

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WASHINGTON — This col-umn is politically correct because Native Americans are opening more and more gambling casinos in the United States. The largest of these is owned by a tribe in Connecticut.

Everything was going smoothly among the tribes until the Caesars

Wars started in April 1995, over a minor dispute between the Mashatucket Pequots of Massachuserts and the Passmaquoddy tribe of Maine. Hostilities

broke out when they got into an Buchwald argument over the million-dollar super payoff on the \$5 slot machines.

Rolling Thunder, the manager of the Pequot Casino, accused Sitting Keeno, the Passmaquoddy pit boss. of upping the bonus prize on one of his one-armed bandits in violation of tribal laws. Sitting Keeno said that when it

came to slot machines, the Passmaquoddy could pay out any amount of money they wanted to, and no Pequot was going to tell him what the payoff on his machines should was no secret that Rolling Thunder was giving free hotel rooms to his high-rolling crap-shooters, which not only hurt the other casinos in the New England area, but was not even socially ac-

This was too much for Rolling Thunder, so he gathered 300 brave croupiers and rode down to Sitting Keeno's parking lot and let the air out of everybody's tires. Sitting

James Joyce Plaque Goes Up in London

The Associated Press LONDON — English Heritage unveiled a plaque Wednesday marking the only London home belonging to the Irish author James Joyce. Joyce hated the apartment on Campden Grove and called it 'Campden Grave," but English Heritage put up the plaque because while he lived there, in 1931, Joyce

married Nora Barnacle.

watha Room of his establishment. He told the chiefs. "We must teach Rolling Thunder a lesson. No Native American in the gambling business can be allowed to walk onto another's parking lot without

suffering the consequences.
"Why don't we kidnap Wayne Newton so he can't play at the Pequot Starlight Ballroom on New Year's Eve?" the Apache chief sug-

"We could bring Rolling Thun-der in front of the council and let him try to make six the hard way." another chief said.

A Seneca chief then spoke: "We could tie his arms and legs to a roulette wheel and spin it until he begged for mercy."

Sitting Keeno dealt himself a hand of chemin de fer. "If we allow Rolling Thunder to get away with what he did, casino gambling as Native Americans know it will never be the same. The people of this country depend on us for their games of chance. If it wasn't for us the white man would still have to go to Las Vegas for his fun. My grandfather once told me many moons ago that no one should ever have to drive more than one hour from his home for a game of black-

Sitting Keeno continued: "We must drive a herd of buffalo through Rolling Thunder's horseracing betting parlor just before the Kentucky Derby. This will make him realize that the council is seri-

One old chief asked, "Are you going to reduce the payoff on your

jackpot?"
"It's too late to do that. We were forced to raise our payoff because the Blackfeet were doubling theirs on blackjack. My great-great-grandfather Sitting Bingo once said to me. Your casino is your home. When the white man comes to visit, make him think that he's going to leave with some of your money.

What impresses a white man the most is a large jackpot. If he believes that you pay the most money on your machine he will come back again and again.
" 'Proof of this is that when we

raised the slot payoff to a million dollars General Custer came here and lost the family farm."

The Kirov Opera: Frayed but Fighting

By John Rockwell

C T. PETERSBURG — Before the Kirov Opera made its much-admired visit to New York in the summer of 1992, the company seemed suffused with a kind of guarded optimism. Yes, the Russian economy was in disarray. But changes were in the works, and in the meantime the company's performances were at a high level of achieve-ment and freedom promised much for the future.

Now, as the Kirov begins a weeklong Rimsky-Korsakov Festival here that has attracted many Western critics and visitors, that optimism seems frayed. Both Valeri Gergiyev, the artistic director of the opera and music director of the Maryinsky theater, which also houses the Kirov Ballet, and Anatoli F. Malkov, the administrative director of the theater, sounded grim and pessimistic compared with their mood in 1992. But they were hardly ready to give up the fight for artistic quality and financial independence, a fight that has solidified the Kirov Opera's reputation as Russia's best.

"There is bigger freedom, much bigger than even two years ago." said Gergiyev before a performance of Rim-sky-Korsakov's opera "Sadko." "Some parts of the economy are slowly improving. But it is much more difficult for us now than in 1992. It's almost impossible to expect serious financial support from the state. What we must count on is our own energy, our own ability to create something that will support our artistic plans."

Malkov agreed. "I can't see now any stability or imrovement in the financial situation in this country," he said. Eighty percent of the theater's income is from outside the traditional Russian state-support system, he added, most of it from the West. He cited audio and video recording arrangements with Philips Records in the Netherlands. NHK in Japan and the BBC in Britain; coproductions with European and American companies; tours (including the company's first to Japan, last year) and lowest on the list, corporate and private sponsors both Western and Russian.

He said that in addition to three wage increases last year to keep pace with Russia's runaway inflation, the theater's 1.240 employees had gained a 50-percent raise in real terms when the Maryinsky theater was named to the short list of Russian cultural treasures by President Boris N. Yeltsin, with an increased subsidy to match.

The company's artistic accomplishments since Gergiyev, now 40, took over in 1988 are internationally recognized. Its production of Prokofiev's "Fiery Angel," seen in New York in 1992, was voted best opera production in Japan for 1993, Malkov said. Gergiyev received Russia's highest musical honor from Yeltsin in December. He was named conductor of the year at the Classical Music Awards in London in January. And the company's audio and video recordings have been highly regarded by

The ambitious Rimsky-Korsakov Festival, which began with a concert Sunday night, seems to be stretching the theater's hard-working staff to its limits. Within one week there will be four operas by Rimsky-Korsakov: "Sadko."
"The Maid of Pskov," "Kashchey the Deathless" and a new production of the monumental "Legend of the Invisible City of Kitezh."

"Kashchey" is being paired with his tone poem "Scheherazade," and there are four other concerts, some of Rimsky-Korsakov alone, some offering his orchestrations



Valeri Gergiyev, the Kirov's artistic director.

of other composers and some intended to place the composer in the context of his predecessors, contemporaries and successors, including Stravinsky, Debussy, Ravel, Respighi, Prokofiev and Messiaen. Gergiyev said his next festival would be devoted to the music Stravinsky composed while still in Russia.

The current festival, which follows similar celebrations of Mussorgsky in 1989 and Prokofiev in 1991-92, has attracted several star Russian singers who have active careers in the West. They include the soprano Galina Gorchakova, who has just flown in from a run of "Fiery Angels" at La Scala and who will sing the leading roles in both "Kitezh" and "The Maid of Pskov."

"The more the importance of our projects, the more chances are that major singers will want to come here,"
Gergiyev said "Importance" includes, of course, the opportunity for audio and video exposure; Philips is recording the festival for possible future release.

Still, the constant struggle for money sometimes seems to wear down both Gergiyev and Malkov. Especially when Western sponsors and artists are frightened by the country's political turnoil. "People could be scared off by the political tension." Gergiyev worried. "Not to speak of lanks in the streets of Moscow."

A major concern is keeping ticket prices within reach of the increasingly impoverished Russian public; by one international estimate, 40 percent of all Russians are now below the poverty line.

"It's a moral issue," Gergiyev said. "We could raise prices and play for foreign tourists and the new rich, which is a new class here, although they are not all serious music

Despite Gergiyev's assurances that the Rimsky-Korsakov Festival is proceeding exactly as he planned it, some recent Kirov stars are absent, and Malkov admitted that money was a problem.

Without specifically conceding the issue, Gergiyev had a veiled warning for his missing stars. "Singers know that if they are too often absent here, that empty places must be filled," he said. "We had wonderful singers, and it looked as if they were irreplaceable. But there are superb young voices, and no one is irreplaceable." Unable to afford the regular fees of Western artists,

Gergiyev hopes to win them through personal contacts and the pleasure of working with his forces in this opulent, acoustically flattering theater. Placido Domingo, whom Gergiyev will conduct in Verdix "Otello" at the Metropolitan Opers in March has valued to be a forced to the contact the contact to the contact the contact to the cont itan Opera in March, has already been here for the same opera and is president of the international Friends of the

Kirov Opera.

Gergiyev said he wanted to persuade Domingo to appear in Verdi's "Forza del Destino" and Wagner's "Parsifal," the latter linked with "Lohengrin" in one abstract production. He said he would also like James Conlon, Esa-Pekka Salonen and Christian Thielemann to conduct here, either at the opera or as part of the White Nights music festival from May through July, which Gergiyev took over as artistic director last year.

For all the explorations of Italian and German repertory, the Kirov remains a Russian company, the primary preserver and revitalizer of the Russian operatic tradition. In his frequent excursions to the West, Gergiyev seeks to assert his company's claims on that repertory and not to succumb to Western promoters' insistence on the same tired round of war horses: "Boris Godunov," "Eugene Onegin" and maybe "The Queen of Spades."

You can't let commercial concerns overcome artistic priorities." he said, speaking obliquely of the many Russian performing institutions that have done just that. "I had to light to get Paris to accept 'Kitezh.' The promoters are right: they want to sell tickets. But I am right, too: we can't always do the same things."

A judgment of the Rimsky-Korsakov Festival, reflecting both the current state of the Kirov company and the long-suffering reputation of Rimsky-Korsakov as a com-poser, must await its conclusion this weekend. "When it's over, we can all together decide if it was really needed," Gergiyev said. "Then, the importance of

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A happy ending worthy of Holly-

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